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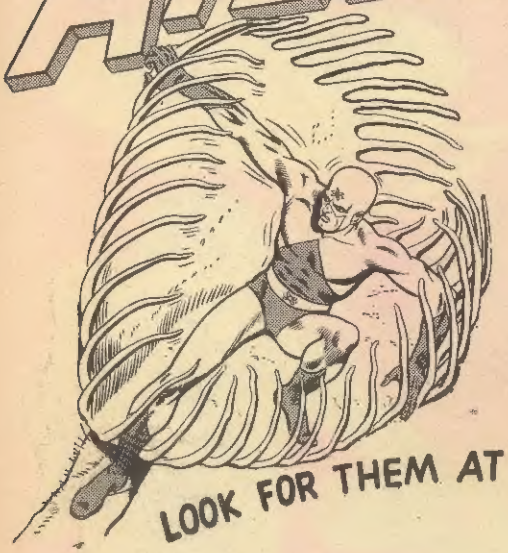
YOU HAVE ONE BLAST LEFT IN YOUR RAY-GUN, ADAM STRANGE! FIRE AT THE WRONG ONE--
--AND THE REAL ONE WILL DOOM YOU! YOU HAVE ONE SECOND TO CHOOSE!
A DOUBLE-LENGTH ADAM STRANGE THRILLER...
"CHALLENGE of the RIVAL STARMAN!"

TOMORROW'S STARS APPEAR TODAY!

The ATOM



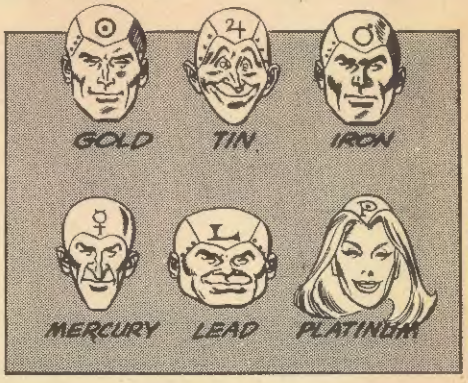
HAWKMAN

LOOK FOR THEM AT YOUR FAVORITE NEWSSTAND!

AQUAMAN

AND HIS YOUNG ALLY, AQUALAD!

METAL MEN



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ADAM STRANGE

FOUR AND A FRACTION LIGHT YEARS FROM EARTH LIES THE STAR-SUN **ALPHA CENTAURI**. TO THE THIRD PLANET OF THAT STAR-- RIDING THE TELEPORTATIONAL WINGS OF A **ZETA-BEAM**-- GOES A YOUNG EARTH ARCHEOLOGIST, **ADAM STRANGE!**

ON **RANN** HE MEETS HIS SWEETHEART, **ALANNA** OF **RANAGAR**-- AND WITH HER FACES THE GRIM DANGERS AND DEADLY PERILS OF HER WORLD! AND IT IS BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN VICTORIOUS OVER ALL THESE MENACES THAT HE IS NOW CALLED UPON TO MEET THE...

CHALLENGE OF THE RIVAL STARMAN!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, **ADAM STRANGE**? IF YOU HOLD ONTO YOUR GUN, THAT **MAGNETIC CLOUD** WILL DRAW YOU INTO IT-- DESTROYING YOU! YOU CAN SAVE YOURSELF ONLY BY LETTING GO OF YOUR GUN AND SURRENDERING TO ME!

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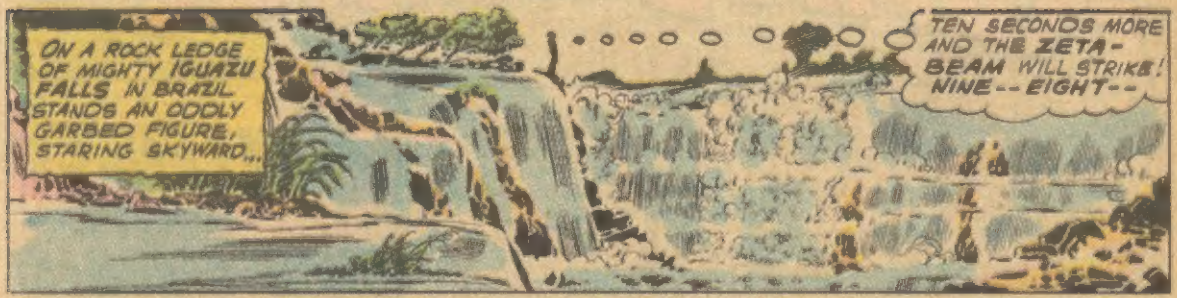
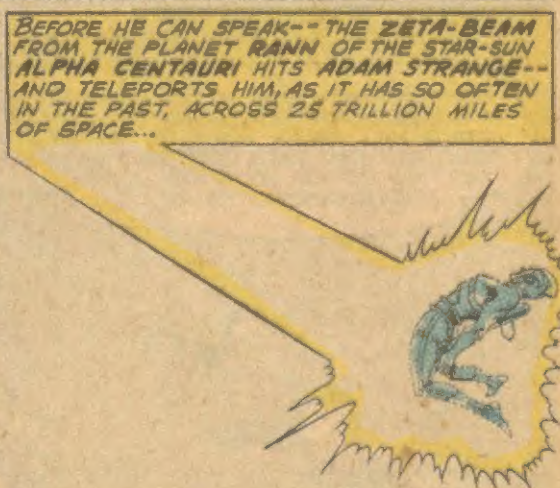
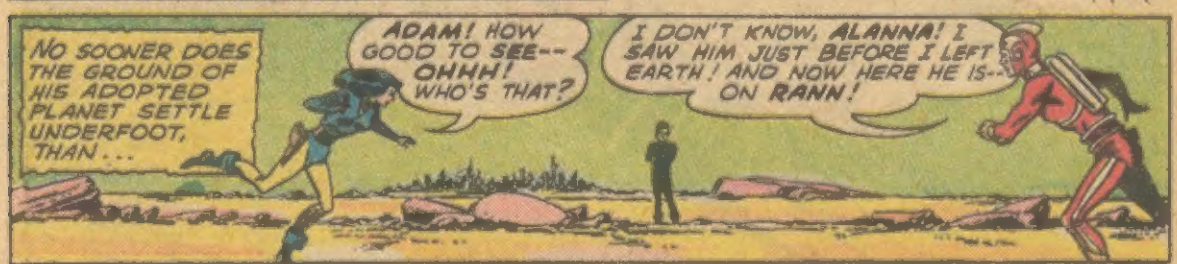
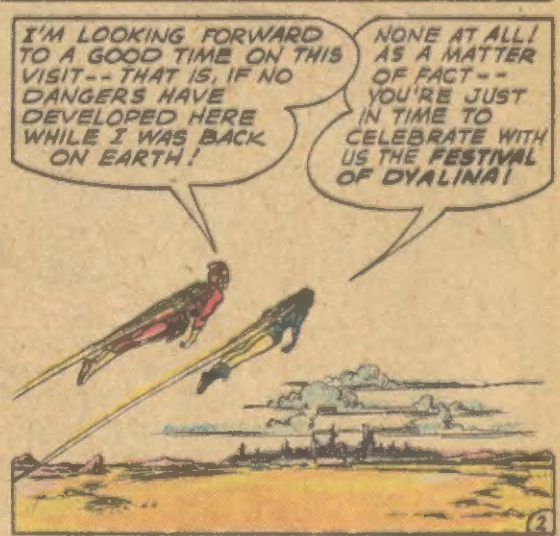

ON A ROCK LEDGE OF MIGHTY IGUAZU FALLS IN BRAZIL STANDS AN ODDLY GARBED FIGURE, STARING SKYWARD...
TEN SECONDS MORE AND THE ZETA-BEAM WILL STRIKE! NINE--EIGHT--

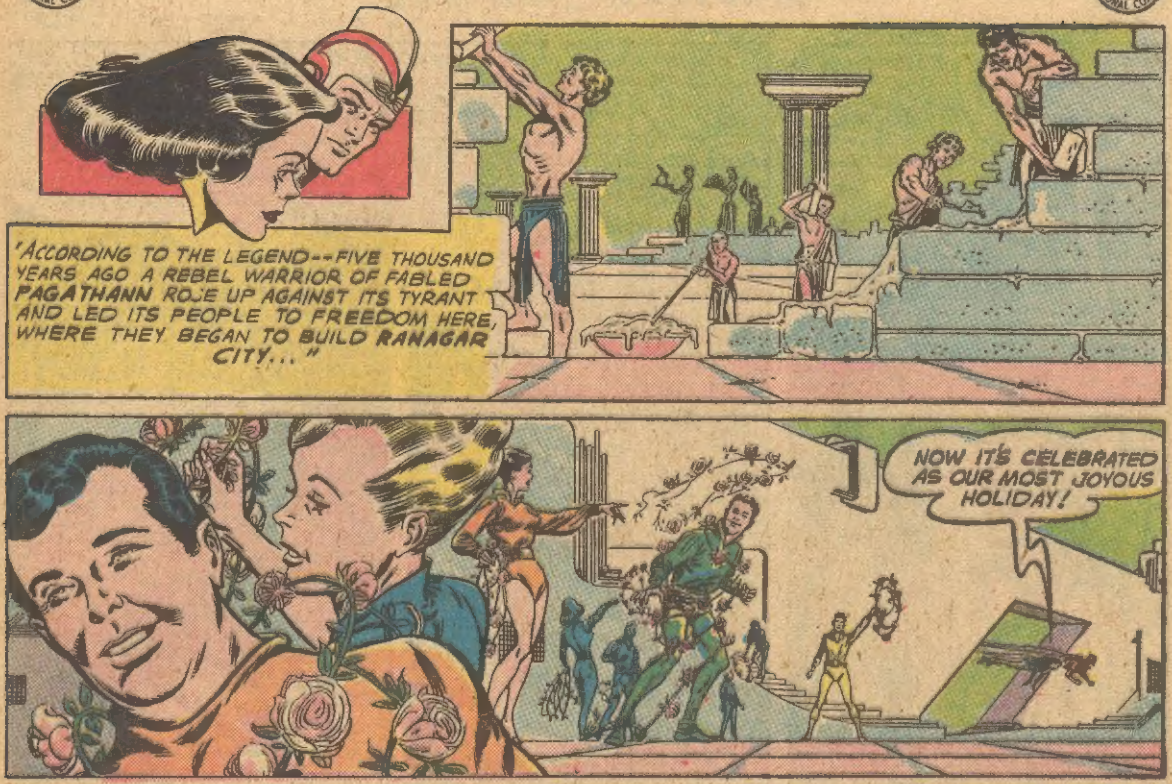
A MOVEMENT TO ONE SIDE DRAWS HIS EYES TOWARD...
AN ALIEN! WHAT'S HE DOING HERE, STARING SO INTENTLY AT ME? CAN HE HAVE GUESSED MY SECRET IDENTITY ON EARTH?


BEFORE HE CAN SPEAK--THE ZETA-BEAM FROM THE PLANET RANN OF THE STAR-SUN ALPHA CENTAURI HITS ADAM STRANGE--AND TELEPORTS HIM, AS IT HAS SO OFTEN IN THE PAST, ACROSS 25 TRILLION MILES OF SPACE...

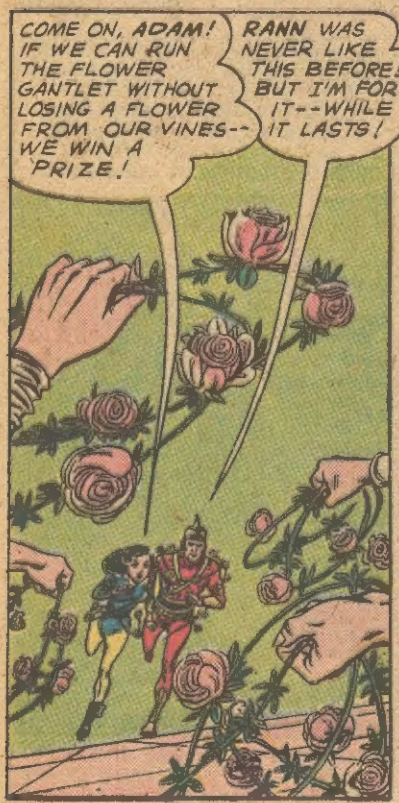

NO SOONER DOES THE GROUND OF HIS ADOPTED PLANET SETTLE UNDERFOOT, THAN...
ADAM! HOW GOOD TO SEE--OHHH! WHO'S THAT?
I DON'T KNOW, ALANNA! I SAW HIM JUST BEFORE I LEFT EARTH! AND NOW HERE HE IS--ON RANN!

HE'S FADING AWAY! WHAT DID HE WANT? WHY DID HE KEEP STARING AT YOU?
YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE! BUT I'M NOT GOING TO WORRY ABOUT HIM, DARLING, NOW. THAT I'M BACK WITH YOU!


I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO A GOOD TIME ON THIS VISIT--THAT IS, IF NO DANGERS HAVE DEVELOPED HERE WHILE I WAS BACK ON EARTH!
NONE AT ALL! AS A MATTER OF FACT--YOU'RE JUST IN TIME TO CELEBRATE WITH US THE FESTIVAL OF DYALINA!


'ACCORDING TO THE LEGEND--FIVE THOUSAND YEARS AGO A REBEL WARRIOR OF FABLED PAGATHANN ROSE UP AGAINST ITS TYRANT AND LED ITS PEOPLE TO FREEDOM HERE, WHERE THEY BEGAN TO BUILD RANAGAR CITY..."

NOW IT'S CELEBRATED AS OUR MOST JOYOUS HOLIDAY!


COME ON, ADAM! IF WE CAN RUN THE FLOWER GAUNTLET WITHOUT LOSING A FLOWER FROM OUR VINES--WE WIN A PRIZE!
RANN WAS NEVER LIKE THIS BEFORE! BUT I'M FOR IT--WHILE IT LASTS!

SIDE BY SIDE THEY RACE FOR THE PRIZE-STAND...
OOOPS! I STEPPED ON MY VINE--BROKE IT OFF!
THEN I WIN THE PRIZE!

BUT EVEN AS ALANNA ACCEPTS HER PRIZE--IT SLIPS FROM HER SUDDENLY NERVELESS FINGERS AND...
ALANNA! WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S WRONG?
OHHHH!
CRASH!

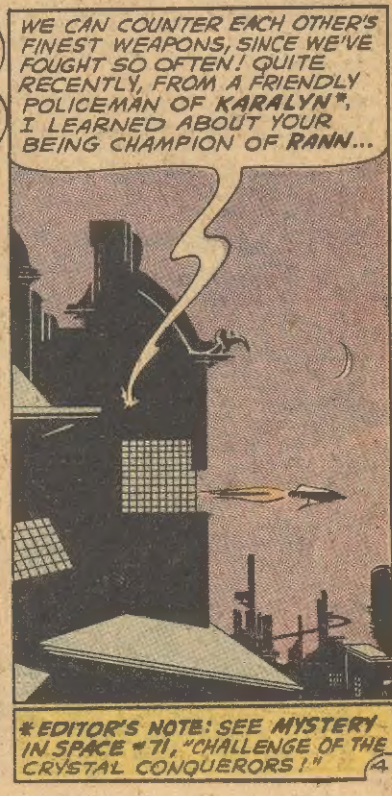
IT'S HIM AGAIN! THE ALIEN! AND ALL HE DOES IS STARE AT YOU!
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! I'M GOING TO GRAB HOLD OF HIM--FIND OUT WHY--

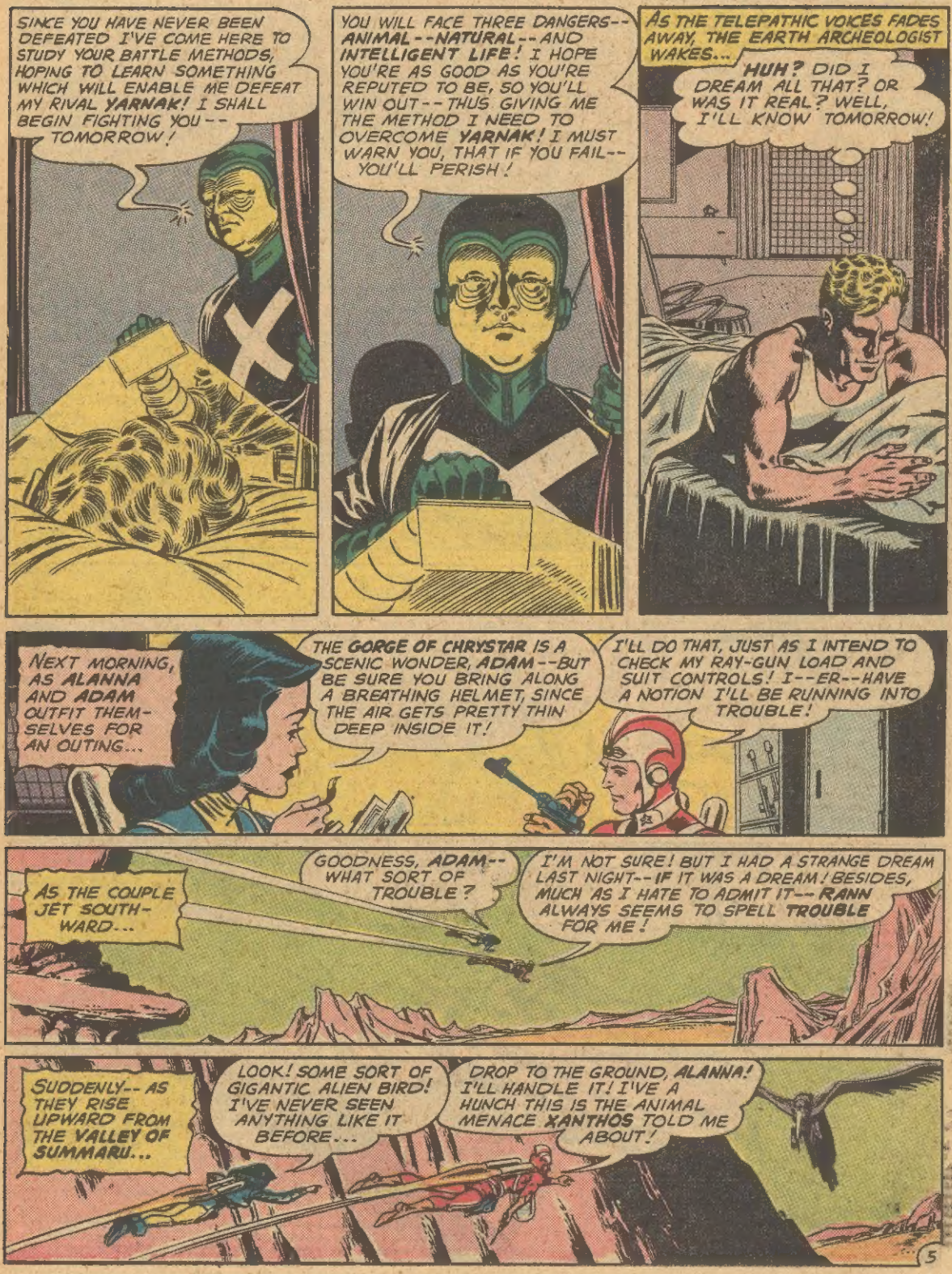
THE EARTHMAN LUNGES FORWARD --AND HIS WIDESPREAD FINGERS CLOSE ON EMPTY AIR!...
HE'S PULLED THAT DISAPPEARING ACT AGAIN!
OH, ADAM-- I'M FRIGHTENED! WHAT CAN HE WANT? JUST WHEN EVERY-THING IS SO NICE AND PEACEFUL--HE HAS TO SHOW UP!

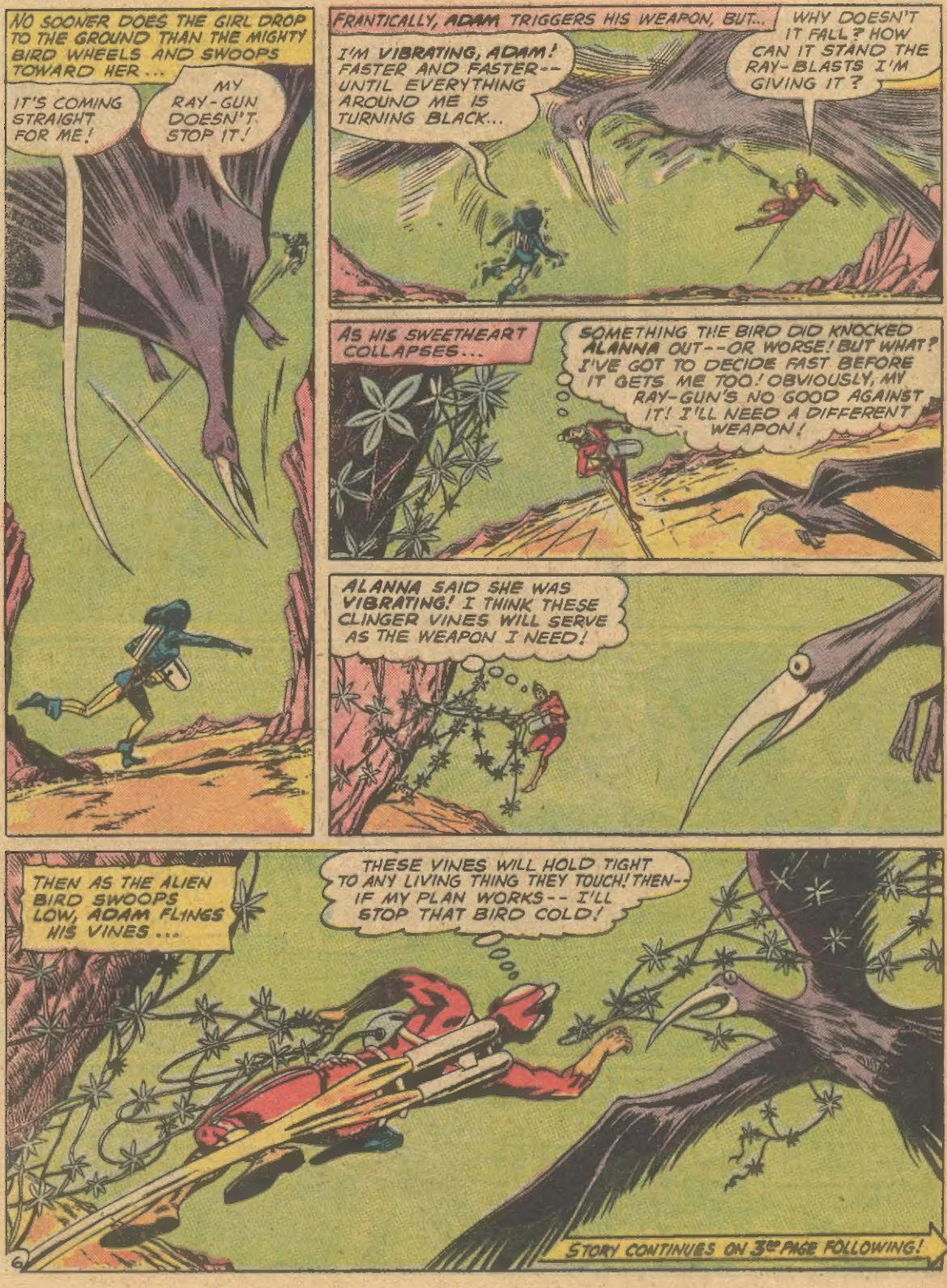
THAT NIGHT, AS ADAM IS ASLEEP...
I AM ON RANN TO SPEAK WITH YOU, ADAM STRANGE! I WATCHED YOU TAKE OFF FROM EARTH AND LAND ON RANN! YOU SEE--I KNOW QUITE A BIT ABOUT YOU...

I DIDN'T WANT TO DISTURB YOU ANY MORE THAN I ALREADY HAVE, SO I WAITED UNTIL NOW TO APPEAR AND TELL YOU THAT I HAVE COME-- TO FIGHT YOU!

MY NAME IS XANTHOS! I AM CO-CHAMPION OF THE PLANET ZARALA OF THE STAR-SUN MIZAR! ONLY ONE OTHER MAN RANKS WITH ME--MY FELLOW CHAMPION, YARNAK! WE HAVE FOUGHT SEVERAL TIMES--WITHOUT A WINNER!


WE CAN COUNTER EACH OTHER'S FINEST WEAPONS, SINCE WE'VE FOUGHT SO OFTEN! QUITE RECENTLY, FROM A FRIENDLY POLICEMAN OF KARALYN*, I LEARNED ABOUT YOUR BEING CHAMPION OF RANN...
*EDITOR'S NOTE: SEE MYSTERY IN SPACE #71, "CHALLENGE OF THE CRYSTAL CONQUERORS!"


SINCE YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN DEFEATED I'VE COME HERE TO STUDY YOUR BATTLE METHODS, HOPING TO LEARN SOMETHING WHICH WILL ENABLE ME DEFEAT MY RIVAL YARNAK! I SHALL BEGIN FIGHTING YOU--TOMORROW!
YOU WILL FACE THREE DANGERS--ANIMAL--NATURAL--AND INTELLIGENT LIFE! I HOPE YOU'RE AS GOOD AS YOU'RE REPUTED TO BE, SO YOU'LL WIN OUT--THUS GIVING ME THE METHOD I NEED TO OVERCOME YARNAK! I MUST WARN YOU, THAT IF YOU FAIL--YOU'LL PERISH!
AS THE TELEPATHIC VOICES FADES AWAY, THE EARTH ARCHEOLOGIST WAKES...
HUH? DID I DREAM ALL THAT? OR WAS IT REAL? WELL, I'LL KNOW TOMORROW!
NEXT MORNING, AS ALANNA AND ADAM OUTFIT THEMSELVES FOR AN OUTING...
THE GORGE OF CHRYSTAR IS A SCENIC WONDER, ADAM--BUT BE SURE YOU BRING ALONG A BREATHING HELMET, SINCE THE AIR GETS PRETTY THIN DEEP INSIDE IT!
I'LL DO THAT, JUST AS I INTEND TO CHECK MY RAY-GUN LOAD AND SUIT CONTROLS! I--ER--HAVE A NOTION I'LL BE RUNNING INTO TROUBLE!
AS THE COUPLE JET SOUTHWARD...
GOODNESS, ADAM--WHAT SORT OF TROUBLE?
I'M NOT SURE! BUT I HAD A STRANGE DREAM LAST NIGHT--IF IT WAS A DREAM! BESIDES, MUCH AS I HATE TO ADMIT IT--RANN ALWAYS SEEMS TO SPELL TROUBLE FOR ME!
SUDDENLY--AS THEY RISE UPWARD FROM THE VALLEY OF SUMMARU...
LOOK! SOME SORT OF GIGANTIC ALIEN BIRD! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE...
DROP TO THE GROUND, ALANNA! I'LL HANDLE IT! I'VE A HUNCH THIS IS THE ANIMAL MENACE XANTHOS TOLD ME ABOUT!


NO SOONER DOES THE GIRL DROP TO THE GROUND THAN THE MIGHTY BIRD WHEELS AND SWOOPS TOWARD HER...
IT'S COMING STRAIGHT FOR ME!
MY RAY-GUN DOESN'T STOP IT!
FRANTICALLY, ADAM TRIGGERS HIS WEAPON, BUT...
I'M VIBRATING, ADAM! FASTER AND FASTER-- UNTIL EVERYTHING AROUND ME IS TURNING BLACK...
WHY DOESN'T IT FALL? HOW CAN IT STAND THE RAY-BLASTS I'M GIVING IT?
AS HIS SWEETHEART COLLAPSES...
SOMETHING THE BIRD DID KNOCKED ALANNA OUT--OR WORSE! BUT WHAT? I'VE GOT TO DECIDE FAST BEFORE IT GETS ME TOO! OBVIOUSLY, MY RAY-GUN'S NO GOOD AGAINST IT! I'LL NEED A DIFFERENT WEAPON!
ALANNA SAID SHE WAS VIBRATING! I THINK THESE CLINGER VINES WILL SERVE AS THE WEAPON I NEED!
THEN AS THE ALIEN BIRD SWOOPS LOW, ADAM FLINGS HIS VINES...
THESE VINES WILL HOLD TIGHT TO ANY LIVING THING THEY TOUCH! THEN-- IF MY PLAN WORKS-- I'LL STOP THAT BIRD COLD!
STORY CONTINUES ON 3RD PAGE FOLLOWING!

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ABOUT A SMALL-SMALL-SMALL SUPER-HERO

A SMASHING SUCCESS in SHOWCASE, THE ATOM HAS WON THE RIGHT TO APPEAR IN A MAGAZINE OF HIS OWN!

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AT LAST! IN HIS OWN MAGAZINE...
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ATOM
IF MY VENUS'S-FLYTRAP CAN OVERCOME THE MIGHTY ATOM, THEN NOTHING WILL STAND IN THE WAY OF MY PLANT-CONQUEST OF EARTH!
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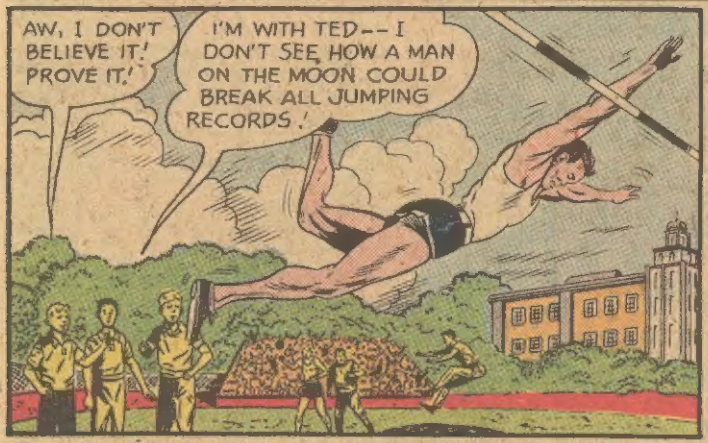
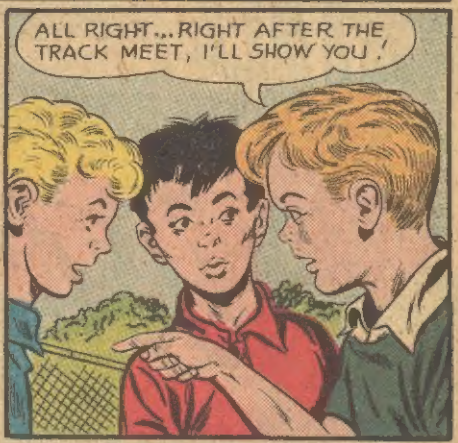
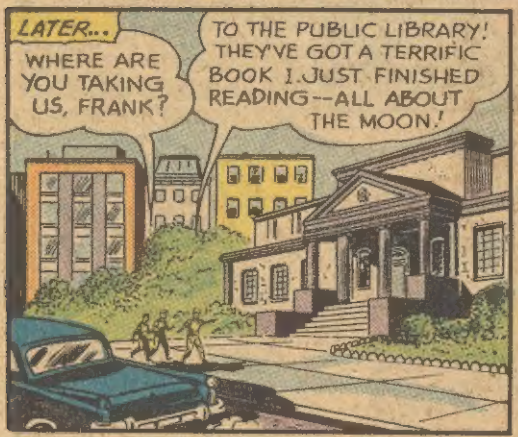
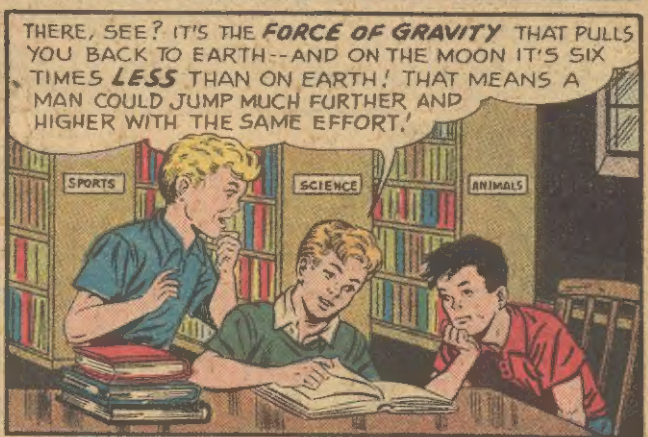





LATER...
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING US, FRANK?
TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY! THEY'VE GOT A TERRIFIC BOOK I JUST FINISHED READING--ALL ABOUT THE MOON!


THERE, SEE? IT'S THE FORCE OF GRAVITY THAT PULLS YOU BACK TO EARTH--AND ON THE MOON IT'S SIX TIMES LESS THAN ON EARTH! THAT MEANS A MAN COULD JUMP MUCH FURTHER AND HIGHER WITH THE SAME EFFORT!
SPORTS
SCIENCE
ANIMALS

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT!... SAY, THIS BOOK LOOKS PRETTY INTERESTING--I'D LIKE TO READ IT!
WHY DON'T YOU GET A LIBRARY CARD? YOU CAN TAKE THE BOOK HOME WITH YOU!

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CHALLENGE OF THE RIVAL STARMAN

Chapter 2

AS THE CLINGER VINES ATTACH THEMSELVES TO THE STRUGGLING BIRD, **ADAM** JETS AROUND AND AROUND IT, WRAPPING IT IN THE TIGHTENING PLANT STEMS...

AS IT FLEW OVER **ALANNA**, I NOTICED THE BIRD FLAPPED ITS WINGS FASTER AND FASTER! IT WAS THE **VIBRATIONS** FROM ITS WINGS WHICH KNOCKED HER OUT! BY BINDING THE WINGS TO ITS BODY--I'LL OVERCOME IT!

THEN AS THE CREATURE PLUMMETS GROUNDWARD...

SCORE ONE FOR YOU, **ADAM**! NOW ONLY TWO MENACES REMAIN!

IF YOU'VE HARMED **ALANNA**--!

I--I'M ALL RIGHT, **ADAM**! JUST A TRIFLE WOOZEY!

DEPART BIRD OF **MIZAR**! I DON'T NEED YOU ANY LONGER ON **RANN**! MY NEXT CHALLENGE FOR **ADAM STRANGE** SHALL BE A **NATURAL** ONE!

AS THE DARING DUO RESUMES THE TRIP TO THE **GORGE OF CHRYSTAR**, **ADAM** TELLS **ALANNA** ABOUT HIS DREAM...

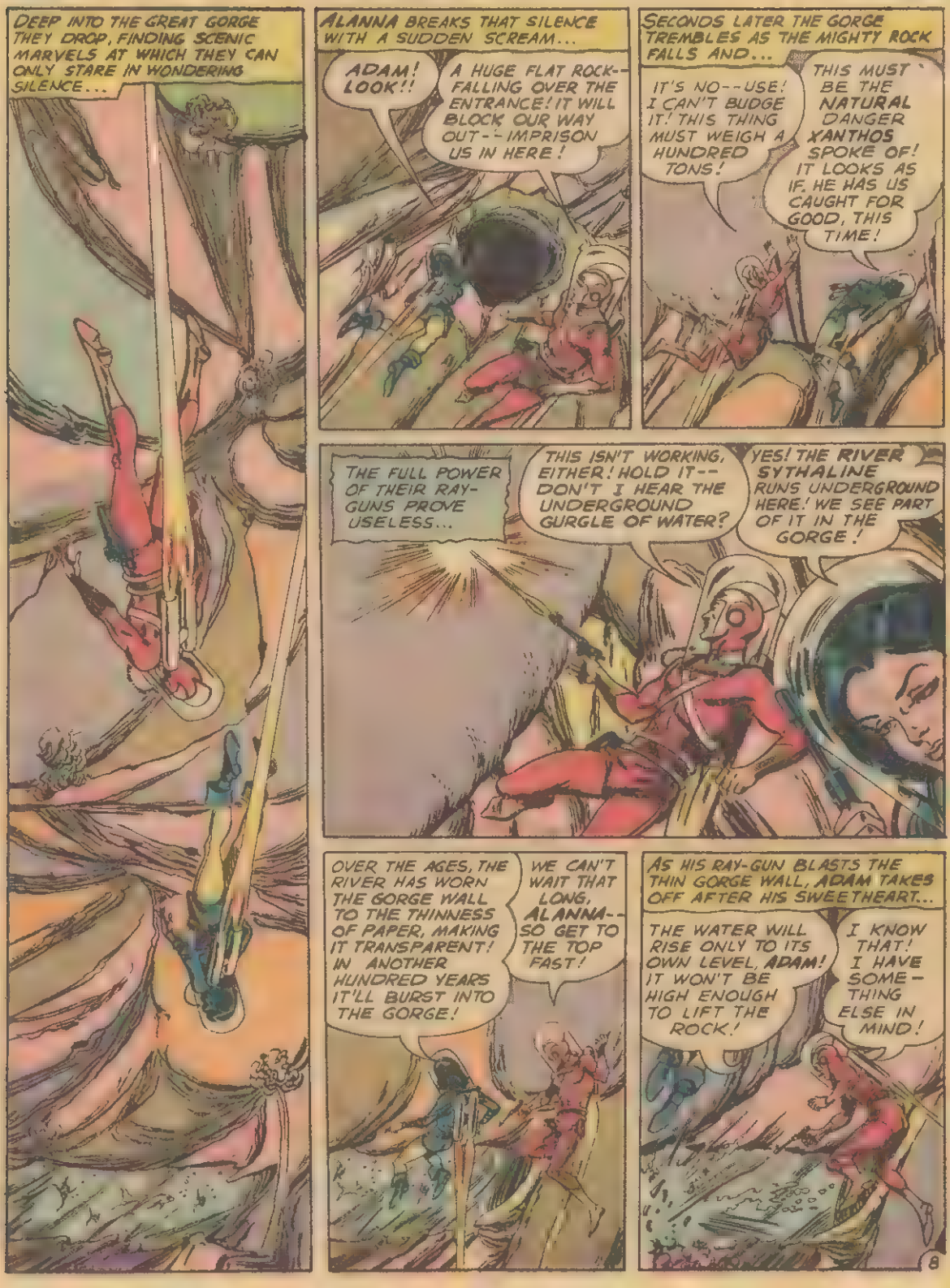
XANTHOS IS GOING TO CONFRONT ME WITH TWO MORE DANGERS, HOPING TO LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT MY FIGHTING POWERS WHICH WILL HELP HIM DEFEAT HIS RIVAL, **YARNAK**!

YOU CAN OVERCOME THEM, **ADAM**--JUST AS YOU DID THE BIRD!

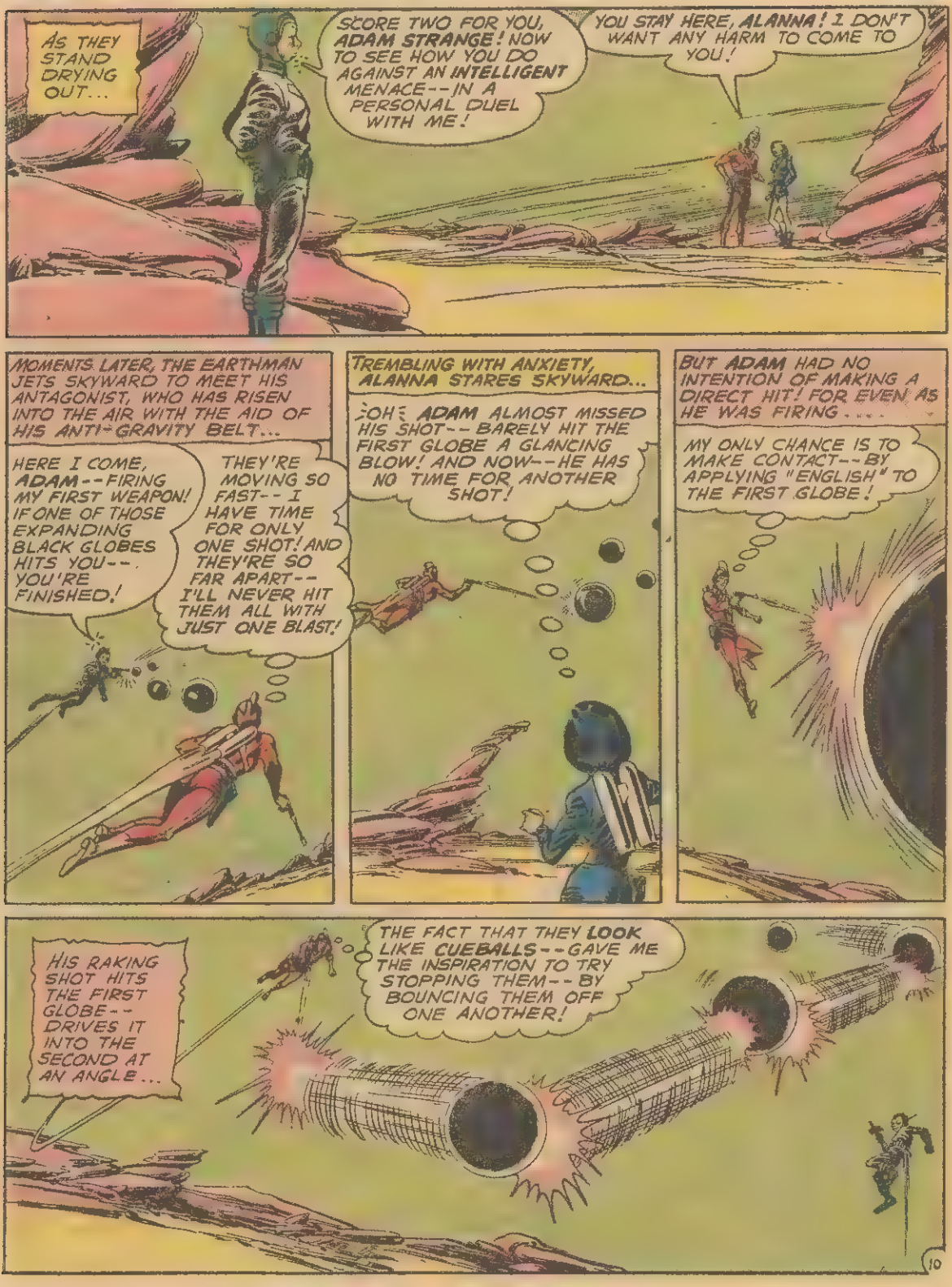
AS THEY NEAR THE GORGE...

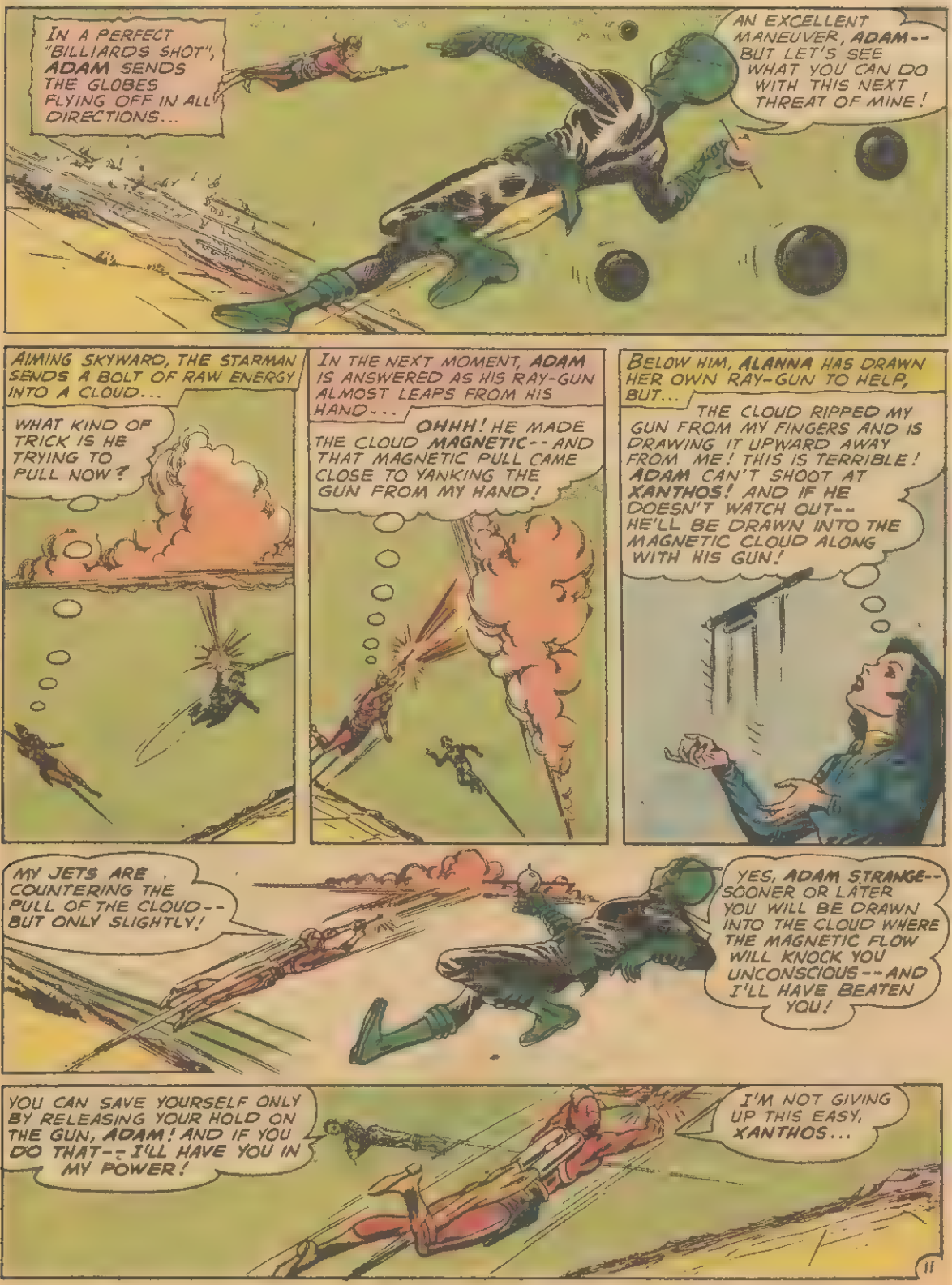
THE GORGE IS A MILE DEEP--AND FILLED WITH MARVELS SEEN NOWHERE ELSE ON **RANN**! THE AIR'S THIN DOWN THERE--SO PUT ON YOUR BREATHING HELMET!

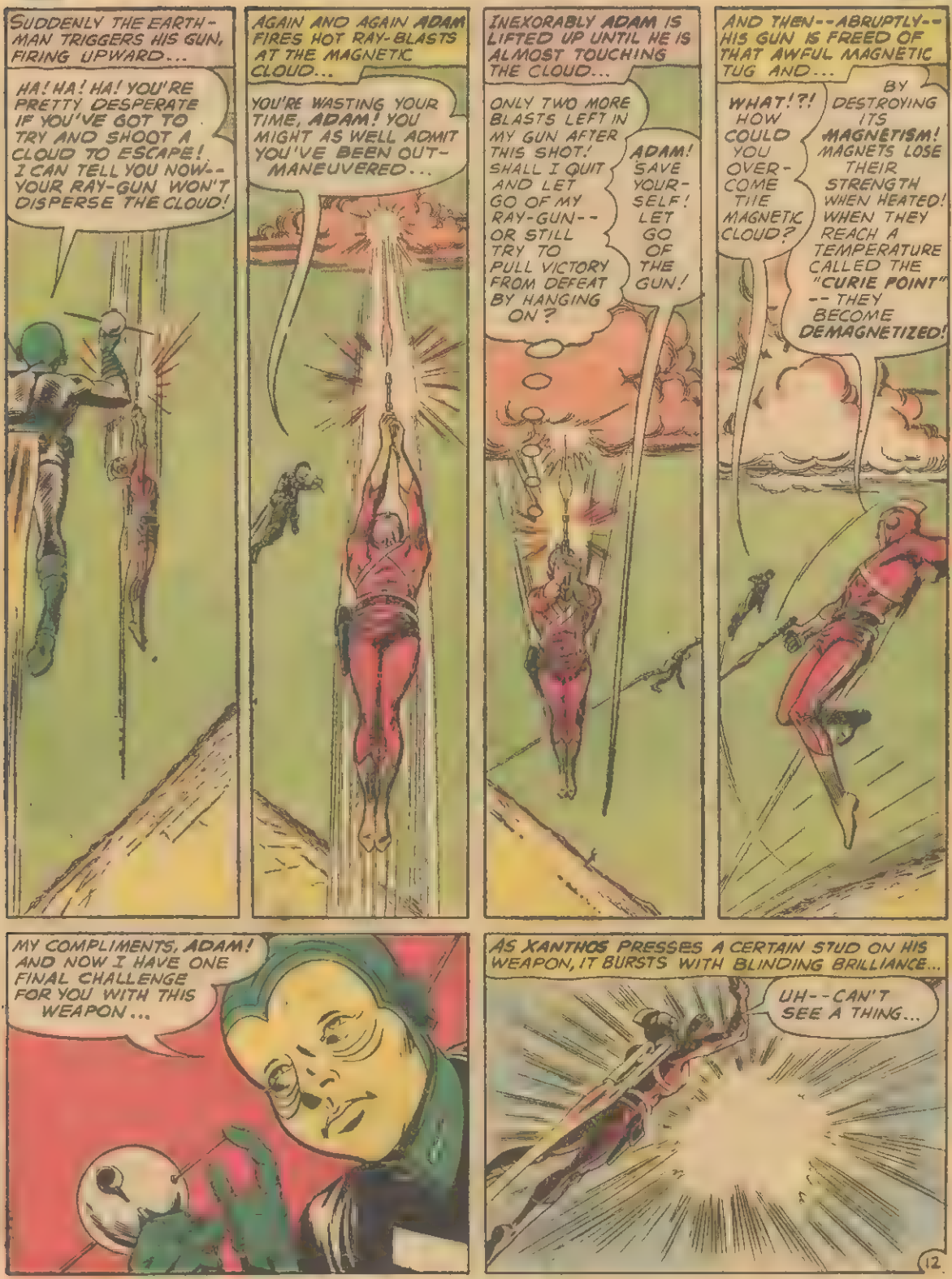
Whew!! I DON'T THINK IT'S THIS **HOT** ANYWHERE ELSE ON **RANN**! I'M TURNING ON MY FRIGI-CONTROLS, TOO--TO COOL OFF!


DEEP INTO THE GREAT GORGE THEY DROP, FINDING SCENIC MARVELS AT WHICH THEY CAN ONLY STARE IN WONDERING SILENCE...
ALANNA BREAKS THAT SILENCE WITH A SUDDEN SCREAM...
ADAM! LOOK!!
A HUGE FLAT ROCK--FALLING OVER THE ENTRANCE! IT WILL BLOCK OUR WAY OUT--IMPRISON US IN HERE!
SECONDS LATER THE GORGE TREMBLES AS THE MIGHTY ROCK FALLS AND...
IT'S NO--USE! I CAN'T BUDGE IT! THIS THING MUST WEIGH A HUNDRED TONS!
THIS MUST BE THE NATURAL DANGER XANTHOS SPOKE OF! IT LOOKS AS IF HE HAS US CAUGHT FOR GOOD, THIS TIME!
THE FULL POWER OF THEIR RAY-GUNS PROVE USELESS...
THIS ISN'T WORKING, EITHER! HOLD IT--DON'T I HEAR THE UNDERGROUND GURGLE OF WATER?
YES! THE RIVER SYTHALINE RUNS UNDERGROUND HERE! WE SEE PART OF IT IN THE GORGE!
OVER THE AGES, THE RIVER HAS WORN THE GORGE WALL TO THE THINNESS OF PAPER, MAKING IT TRANSPARENT! IN ANOTHER HUNDRED YEARS IT'LL BURST INTO THE GORGE!
WE CAN'T WAIT THAT LONG, ALANNA--SO GET TO THE TOP FAST!
AS HIS RAY-GUN BLASTS THE THIN GORGE WALL, ADAM TAKES OFF AFTER HIS SWEETHEART...
THE WATER WILL RISE ONLY TO ITS OWN LEVEL, ADAM! IT WON'T BE HIGH ENOUGH TO LIFT THE ROCK!
I KNOW THAT! I HAVE SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND!

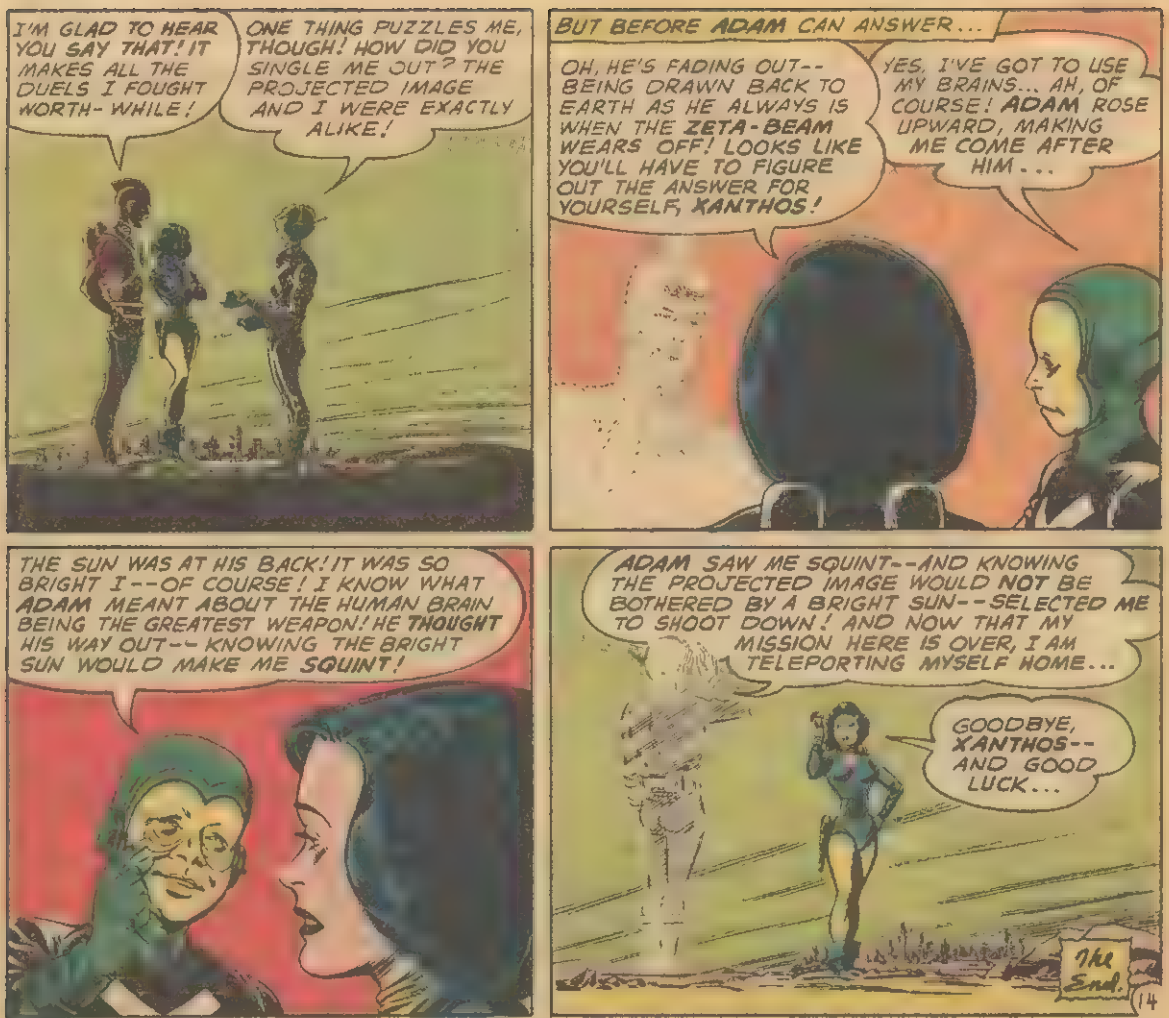
TURN ON YOUR SUIT FRIGI-CONTROLS ALL THE WAY, ALANNA! THEY'LL GIVE OFF COLD RAYS--AND FREEZE THE WATER SOLID!
OH, I UNDER-STAND! THE ICE WILL EXPAND--RISE UP TO THE ROCK--LIFT IT WITH THE PRESSURE OF EXPANSION!
EXACTLY! IN MY SUMMER COTTAGE BACK ON EARTH, I HAVE TO DRAIN THE PIPES OF WATER DURING THE COLD WINTER OR THE WATER IN THEM WOULD FREEZE AND BURST THEM!
AS THE AWESOME COLD RAYS HIT AND FREEZE THE WATER, THE DARING DUO IS CAUGHT AND HELD BY THE ICE . . .
THE ICE IS RISING UPWARD JUST AS IT DOES IN A FROZEN MILK BOTTLE!
UPWARD RISES THE MIGHTY STONE LEDGE, LIFTED ABOVE THE GORGE MOUTH BY THE ENORMOUS PRESSURE OF THE ICE...
AND AS THE ICE IN A MILK BOTTLE LIFTS THE CAP UPWARD--SO DOES THE ICE IN THE GORGE! AND NOW--THE HOT EQUATORIAL SUN IS STARTING TO MELT THE ICE! AS SOON AS YOUR HAND IS FREE, TURN ON YOUR HEAT-CONTROL UNIT, AND THE ICE AROUND US WILL MELT FASTER!
UNDER THE FIERCE RAYS OF THE TROPICAL SUN, THE ICE MELTS JUST ENOUGH SO THAT...
BRRR--I'VE NEVER BEEN SO COLD--OR WET!
JUST STAND IN THE SUN A WHILE, HONEY! YOU'LL BE WARM AND DRY IN NO TIME!


AS THEY STAND DRYING OUT...
SCORE TWO FOR YOU, ADAM STRANGE! NOW TO SEE HOW YOU DO AGAINST AN INTELLIGENT MENACE--IN A PERSONAL DUEL WITH ME!
YOU STAY HERE, ALANNA! I DON'T WANT ANY HARM TO COME TO YOU!
MOMENTS LATER, THE EARTHMAN JETS SKYWARD TO MEET HIS ANTAGONIST, WHO HAS RISEN INTO THE AIR WITH THE AID OF HIS ANTI-GRAVITY BELT...
HERE I COME, ADAM--FIRING MY FIRST WEAPON! IF ONE OF THOSE EXPANDING BLACK GLOBES HITS YOU--, YOU'RE FINISHED!
THEY'RE MOVING SO FAST--I HAVE TIME FOR ONLY ONE SHOT! AND THEY'RE SO FAR APART--I'LL NEVER HIT THEM ALL WITH JUST ONE BLAST!
TREMBLING WITH ANXIETY, ALANNA STARES SKYWARD...
OH! ADAM ALMOST MISSED HIS SHOT--BARELY HIT THE FIRST GLOBE A GLANCING BLOW! AND NOW--HE HAS NO TIME FOR ANOTHER SHOT!
BUT ADAM HAD NO INTENTION OF MAKING A DIRECT HIT! FOR EVEN AS HE WAS FIRING....
MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO MAKE CONTACT--BY APPLYING "ENGLISH" TO THE FIRST GLOBE!
HIS RAKING SHOT HITS THE FIRST GLOBE--DRIVES IT INTO THE SECOND AT AN ANGLE...
THE FACT THAT THEY LOOK LIKE CUEBALLS--GAVE ME THE INSPIRATION TO TRY STOPPING THEM--BY BOUNCING THEM OFF ONE ANOTHER!


IN A PERFECT "BILLIARDS SHOT", ADAM SENDS THE GLOBES FLYING OFF IN ALL DIRECTIONS...
AN EXCELLENT MANEUVER, ADAM-- BUT LET'S SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH THIS NEXT THREAT OF MINE!
AIMING SKYWARD, THE STARMAN SENDS A BOLT OF RAW ENERGY INTO A CLOUD...
WHAT KIND OF TRICK IS HE TRYING TO PULL NOW?
IN THE NEXT MOMENT, ADAM IS ANSWERED AS HIS RAY-GUN ALMOST LEAPS FROM HIS HAND...
OHHH! HE MADE THE CLOUD MAGNETIC-- AND THAT MAGNETIC PULL CAME CLOSE TO YANKING THE GUN FROM MY HAND!
BELOW HIM, ALANNA HAS DRAWN HER OWN RAY-GUN TO HELP, BUT...
THE CLOUD RIPPED MY GUN FROM MY FINGERS AND IS DRAWING IT UPWARD AWAY FROM ME! THIS IS TERRIBLE! ADAM CAN'T SHOOT AT XANTHOS! AND IF HE DOESN'T WATCH OUT-- HE'LL BE DRAWN INTO THE MAGNETIC CLOUD ALONG WITH HIS GUN!
MY JETS ARE COUNTERING THE PULL OF THE CLOUD-- BUT ONLY SLIGHTLY!
YES, ADAM STRANGE-- SOONER OR LATER YOU WILL BE DRAWN INTO THE CLOUD WHERE THE MAGNETIC FLOW WILL KNOCK YOU UNCONSCIOUS-- AND I'LL HAVE BEATEN YOU!
YOU CAN SAVE YOURSELF ONLY BY RELEASING YOUR HOLD ON THE GUN, ADAM! AND IF YOU DO THAT-- I'LL HAVE YOU IN MY POWER!
I'M NOT GIVING UP THIS EASY, XANTHOS...


SUDDENLY THE EARTHMAN TRIGGERS HIS GUN, FIRING UPWARD...
HA! HA! HA! YOU'RE PRETTY DESPERATE IF YOU'VE GOT TO TRY AND SHOOT A CLOUD TO ESCAPE! I CAN TELL YOU NOW-- YOUR RAY-GUN WON'T DISPERSE THE CLOUD!
AGAIN AND AGAIN ADAM FIRES HOT RAY-BLASTS AT THE MAGNETIC CLOUD...
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME, ADAM! YOU MIGHT AS WELL ADMIT YOU'VE BEEN OUTMANEUVERED...
INEXORABLY ADAM IS LIFTED UP UNTIL HE IS ALMOST TOUCHING THE CLOUD...
ONLY TWO MORE BLASTS LEFT IN MY GUN AFTER THIS SHOT! SHALL I QUIT AND LET GO OF MY RAY-GUN-- OR STILL TRY TO PULL VICTORY FROM DEFEAT BY HANGING ON?
ADAM! SAVE YOURSELF! LET GO OF THE GUN!
AND THEN--ABRUPTLY-- HIS GUN IS FREED OF THAT AWFUL MAGNETIC TUG AND...
WHAT!?! HOW COULD YOU OVERCOME THE MAGNETIC CLOUD?
BY DESTROYING ITS MAGNETISM! MAGNETS LOSE THEIR STRENGTH WHEN HEATED! WHEN THEY REACH A TEMPERATURE CALLED THE "CURIE POINT" -- THEY BECOME DEMAGNETIZED!
MY COMPLIMENTS, ADAM! AND NOW I HAVE ONE FINAL CHALLENGE FOR YOU WITH THIS WEAPON...
AS XANTHOS PRESSES A CERTAIN STUD ON HIS WEAPON, IT BURSTS WITH BLINDING BRILLIANCE...
UH--CAN'T SEE A THING...

THEN, AS THE BRIGHTNESS DIES OUT...
THERE ARE TWO OF YOU--BUT WHICH IS WHICH?
THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, ADAM! ONE OF US IS REAL, THE OTHER FALSE! YOU MUST CHOOSE THE RIGHT ONE!
IF YOU FIRE AT THE PROJECTED IMAGE--THE REAL XANTHOS WILL DOOM YOU! AND WE KNOW YOU ONLY HAVE ONLY ONE SHOT LEFT IN YOUR RAY-GUN!
ADAM RETREATS UPWARD...
I'VE TURNED THE REAL ME INTO A LIVING LIGHTNING BOLT! ALL I NEED DO TO DEFEAT YOU IS--TOUCH YOU!
YOU HAVE ONE SECOND IN WHICH TO FIRE AT ONE OF US! CHOOSE QUICKLY--
SUDDENLY ADAM STRANGE'S HAND STEADIES AND HE TRIGGERS HIS WEAPON!...
I DID IT! I MADE THE RIGHT DECISION!
MOMENTS LATER, AFTER THE UNCONSCIOUS XANTHOS HAS BEEN REVIVED...
YOUR MISTAKE WAS IN RELYING ON MECHANICAL WEAPONS, XANTHOS--WHEN THE GREATEST WEAPON MAN POSSESSES IS--HIS BRAIN!
SO THAT'S THE SECRET OF YOUR SUCCESS, ADAM STRANGE! I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON--I'M GOING TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH YARNAK, USE OUR WEAPONS--AND BRAINS--TO HELP OUR PLANET STAVE OFF ANY MENACES IT MAY ENCOUNTER!


I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT! IT MAKES ALL THE DUELS I FOUGHT WORTH-WHILE!
ONE THING PUZZLES ME, THOUGH! HOW DID YOU SINGLE ME OUT? THE PROJECTED IMAGE AND I WERE EXACTLY ALIKE!
BUT BEFORE ADAM CAN ANSWER...
OH, HE'S FADING OUT--BEING DRAWN BACK TO EARTH AS HE ALWAYS IS WHEN THE ZETA-BEAM WEARS OFF! LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL HAVE TO FIGURE OUT THE ANSWER FOR YOURSELF, XANTHOS!
YES, I'VE GOT TO USE MY BRAINS... AH, OF COURSE! ADAM ROSE UPWARD, MAKING ME COME AFTER HIM...
THE SUN WAS AT HIS BACK! IT WAS SO BRIGHT I--OF COURSE! I KNOW WHAT ADAM MEANT ABOUT THE HUMAN BRAIN BEING THE GREATEST WEAPON! HE THOUGHT HIS WAY OUT--KNOWING THE BRIGHT SUN WOULD MAKE ME SQUINT!
ADAM SAW ME SQUINT--AND KNOWING THE PROJECTED IMAGE WOULD NOT BE BOTHERED BY A BRIGHT SUN--SELECTED ME TO SHOOT DOWN! AND NOW THAT MY MISSION HERE IS OVER, I AM TELEPORTING MYSELF HOME...
GOODBYE, XANTHOS--AND GOOD LUCK...
The End.
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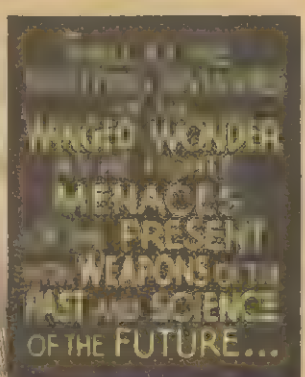
WHEET! WHEET!
THE FAMOUS BATTLE CRY of
HAWKMAN
RESOUNDS AGAIN!



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WONDERS of SPACE

Dear Editor: It seems that many times I don't like an *Adam Strange* tale the first time I read it, and yet when I read it over for about the third time I get many things out of the issue that I didn't get before—and as a result, appreciate *Mystery In Space* much more. You put a lot of little extras in your stories that, although they don't mean a thing to the plot, make the story much more interesting. For instance: *Adam* usually encounters a strange situation before he can contact the *zeta-beam* (in previous issues, *Adam* has battled whales, diamond guards, and others); and the valuable references to stories that have appeared in previous issues (in the February *Mystery in Space* you had four such references).

It was hinted in *MIS* number 73 that *Adam Strange* might join the *JLA*. Don't do it! How would it look to have a *JLA* member run away in the middle of a case to hop onto a *zeta-beam?* How would it look to have a *JLA* member with absolutely NOTHING special about him, except that he has a ray-gun? (I actually approve of the last one—but I don't think that others would catch on favorably.) Finally—how would it look if *Adam* was paged to a *JLA* meeting while he was stuck on *Rann?* Pretty embarrassing, eh? In fact, downright ridiculous!

Paul Gambaccini,
8 Elizabeth Dr., Westport, Conn.

(*If you've read the story in the last issue, you know that for a while at least you need have no concern about* Adam Strange *being inducted into the* Justice League. *But that by no means rules out the possibility of* Adam Strange *sharing another adventure with the* JLA, *or perhaps one of its members!*—Editor)

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Dear Editor: In my opinion *Adam Strange* is one of the best characters created by DC comics and *Mystery In Space* is one of the best magazines. The issues are always good and number 73 was no exception.

The *Adam Strange* story, "The Invisible Raiders of Rann," was great, both storywise and artwise. But that was hardly any surprise to me as Gardner Fox ranks as one of the best writers and Carmine Infantino as one of the top artists.

The second story, "Answer Man of Space," was also good. Sid Greene's artwork was in his usual exciting style; the illustrations in the first two panels of page six were some of the best I've ever seen.

I have enviously watched you award original artwork and scripts to readers of your *Flash* magazine. May I suggest that in addition to your handing out the *Adam Strange* drawings, you also present manuscripts as well as the artwork of the other science-fiction in *Mystery in Space?* I think that among your readers there are enough would-be artists and writers to make this worthwhile.

Earl Dill, Jr.,
4219 Thorncliff Rd., Baltimore 6, Md.

(*If our presentation of original artwork and manuscripts produces a dividend of just one future-comics artist and writer, we'll regard our investment as worthwhile. To start the script-ball rolling, we're awarding you Gardner Fox's manuscript for "The Spaceman who Fought Himself!"* —Editor)

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Dear Editor: Being an avid and faithful *Adam Strange* fan since the first time I saw him blasting away at the pendulum in *Showcase* number 17, I have never read a more spectacular *Adam Strange* story than "The Spaceman who Fought Himself!"

The cover of this story was beautiful to say the very least. When I turned to the inside to read the story I don't believe I've ever seen a more sensational splash panel than the one for this story. This was true of the art as a whole for the entire story. It's hard to convey movement in still drawings, but when the team of Infantino and Anderson is handling the story, the reader who craves for fast movement and action in drawings can sit back and rest assured that his appetite will be filled!

It has been said that Carmine Infantino exhibits his best efforts in the *Adam Strange* stories. I think this is true for one reason: when Infantino illustrates *The Flash*, he does a superb job on the stories, but he is still harnessed by the fact that he must draw everyday things since *Flash* takes place in the present.

However, in *Adam Strange* he lets that wild,

talented imagination of his go free and comes up with modern . . . ultra-modern . . . creations. He has a terrific ability for design. So, Infantino and Anderson, take a bow!

Thus far I've only told you how much I enjoyed the artwork of "The Spaceman who Fought Himself." The plot was wonderfully imaginative . . . something I know only could have come from the fertile mind of Gardner Fox. I liked this story because it kept me guessing throughout the whole thing. At first I thought Hortan Var was telling a lie. Then as I read the story further, I was convinced that he wasn't telling a lie. Then as I completed the story, I found that he *was* telling a lie after all! That's the sort of story that really keeps you guessing! Gardner Fox, you too take a bow!

Paul Seydor,
R.D. 1, Imperial, Pa.

(*Overwhelmed by all that praise, Infantino, Anderson and Fox bowed so hard they clunked their heads on the ground! So don't tell us that working for a comic magazine doesn't have its headaches!*—Editor)

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Dear Editor: The alien in "Invisible Raiders of Rann" was, for once, truly alien, wonderfully unique, although his craving for power is perhaps a strangely anthropomorphic quality in so alien a being. Even odder than that are the controls of the ship, as depicted on page 9; they are obviously anthropomorphically slanted in design, and would probably be not much use to an energy being. Conceivably, *Ziathron* could use them, yet it would be more than a little inconvenient for him to do so. Aside of this minor detail, however, "The Invisible Raiders of Rann" is brilliantly plotted and *Adam Strange's* solution to the problem is suitably ingenious. Good show!

"The Answer Man of Space" had the potential of being a top-notch story, but it was ruined by the insanity of the solution to the problem. A race so sophisticated as to build that ray-weapon would not have employed so crude a triggering device. Anyway, it's just a story and Sid Greene's artwork helped make it enjoyable nonetheless (although I was hard-pressed to make out the monster in the splash panel as having any resemblance to *MIS'* editor).

Bill Sarill,
58 Colorado St., Boston 26, Mass.

(*Bill's a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology—and so tosses words—like* anthropomorphic—*around with ease! Now is that the* human *thing to do? Readers who want to understand that crack will simply have to look up the meaning of* anthropomorphic!—Editor)

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Dear Editor: I thought that by far the best *Adam Strange* story I have ever read was "The Invisible Raiders of Rann."

The artwork was excellent. It must be hard to draw invisible people in good proportion, yet your artist overcame this difficulty with ease.

I noticed an error in the story, however. But don't worry; it doesn't spoil an excellent story. When *Adam* melted the hull of the rocket ship, the background was that of space. Space is almost a perfect vacuum. Therefore the air of the ship would have rushed out immediately; but when *Adam* enters the ship he is shown without an oxygen mask. Now certainly by this time, the air inside the ship would have been gone.

I think I have a theory that explains how *Adam* can bring *Alanna* to Earth. He could turn *Alanna* into water as described in *Mystery in Space* number 69, and then put this water into a container. Then as soon as he felt the *zeta-beam* wearing off, he could hold onto the machine and the container of water. Since these things are non-human lifeforms, he could carry them back to Earth. Then he could use the machine's reverse ray and change *Alanna* back to herself.

David Bruns,
229 Kensington Dr., Madison 4, Wis.

(*The only alibi we can offer for the scientific error you pointed out is that it was a* breathless *adventure! As for that theory you offer for getting* Adam *to bring* Alanna *to Earth—suppose he turned* Alanna *into water, and then discovered later that he couldn't restore his sweetheart to her regular human form? That sure would be his* Waterloo! *Nevertheless, your suggestion had merit—and merits the original* Adam Strange *artwork on "The Weapon that Swallowed Men!"*—Editor)

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Dear Editor: I wish the planet *Rann* would not be war-like and always at battle with different invaders and menaces everytime *Adam* is transported to *Rann*. Just for once I'd like to see a peaceful *Rann*.

For example, one issue could have *Adam* tour *Rann* and see the planet's scenic wonders; maybe you could print a map of *Rann* and its landmarks.

I have been a faithful reader of DC Comics for several years. Of all your super-heroes, *Adam Strange* has the finest illustrations and story composition I have ever seen.

Jerry Smith,
915 W. Pierson, Phoenix, Ariz.

(*Come now—do you honestly believe that if an entire* Adam Strange *story were devoted just to a scenic tour of* Rann, *you'd get a* kick *out of it? It's we who'd get the kick—from our readers—right where it hurts most!*—Editor)

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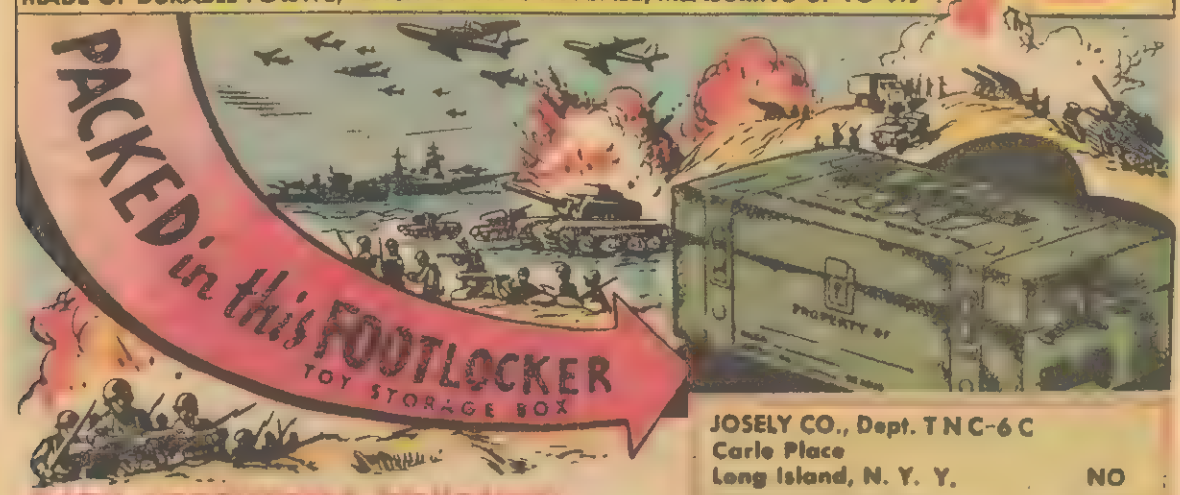

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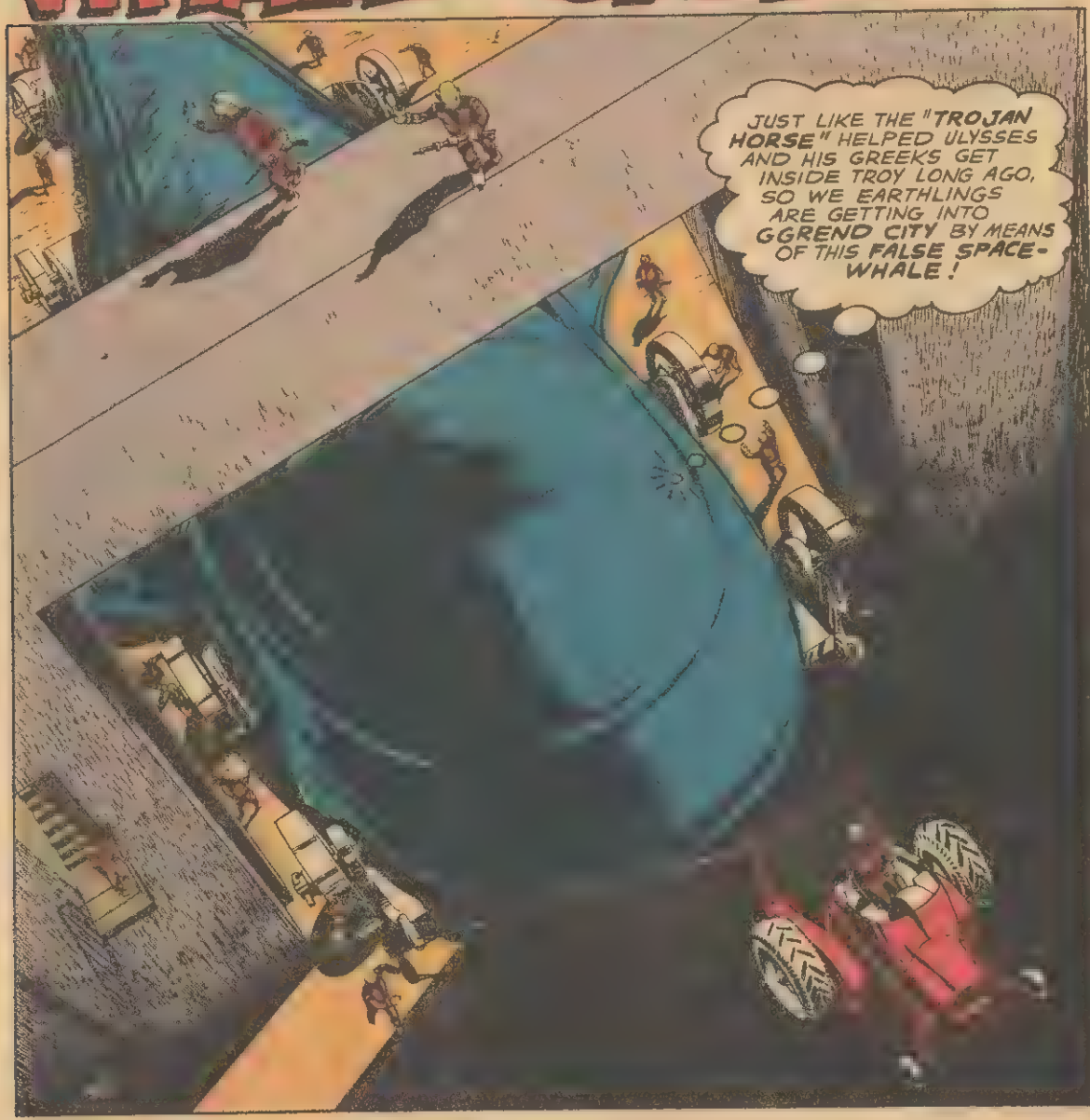
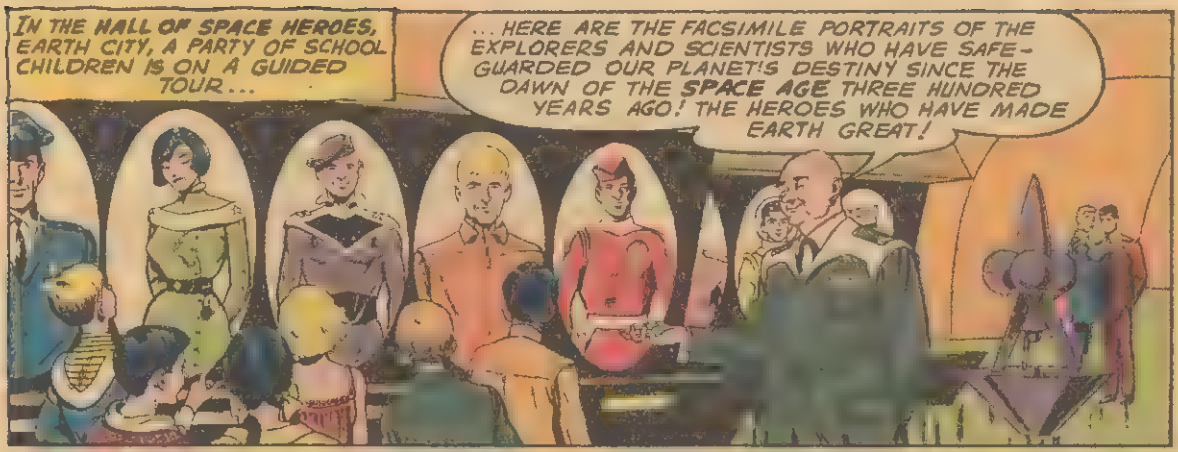
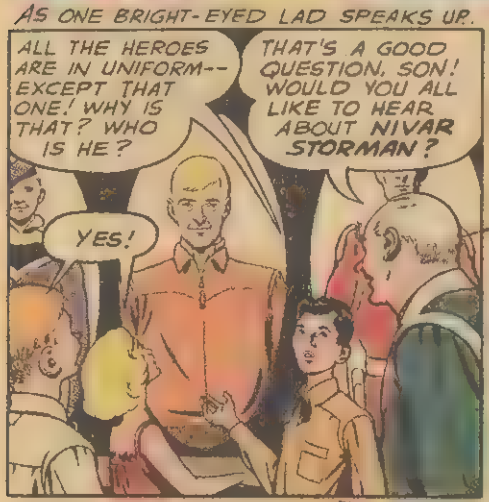
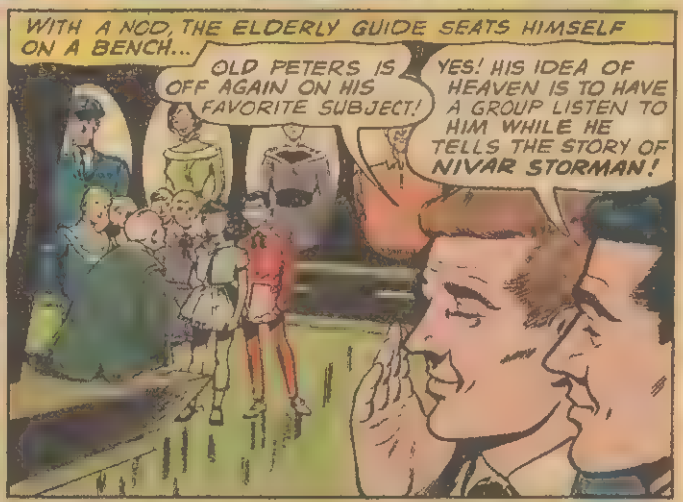
THE SUPER-POWERFUL, BALEFUL CIVILIZATION OF **GGREND** HAD CAPTURED THE RENOWNED EARTH SCIENTIST, DR. HARL MARTIN--A STROKE THAT MIGHT TURN THE TIDE IN ITS WAR AGAINST EARTH! FAR FROM THE AREA OF CONFLICT, **NIVAR STORMAN**, A SPACE-WHALING SKIPPER, CONCEIVED A DARING PLAN FOR PIERCING THE MIGHTY DEFENSES OF **GGREND** AND RESCUING DR. MARTIN! A PLAN THAT WOULD WIN A CHAPTER IN HISTORY AS--

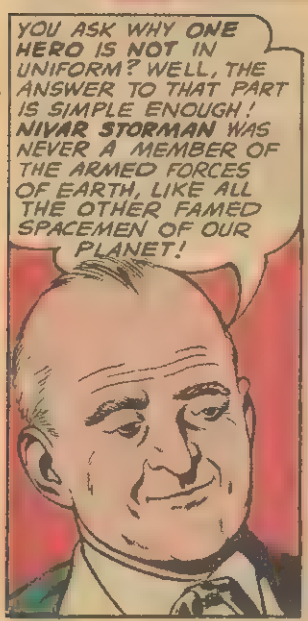
THE TROJAN WHALE OF SPACE!

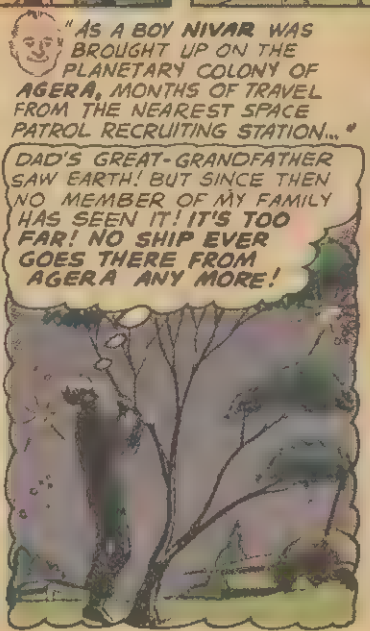

JUST LIKE THE "TROJAN HORSE" HELPED ULYSSES AND HIS GREEKS GET INSIDE TROY LONG AGO, SO WE EARTHLINGS ARE GETTING INTO GGREND CITY BY MEANS OF THIS FALSE SPACE-WHALE!

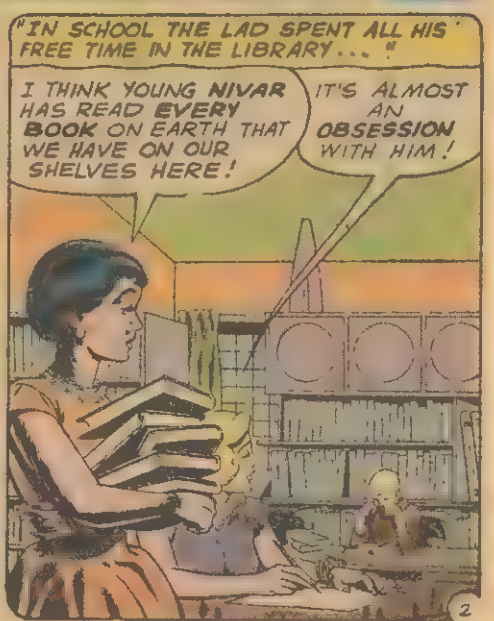

IN THE HALL OF SPACE HEROES, EARTH CITY, A PARTY OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IS ON A GUIDED TOUR...
...HERE ARE THE FACSIMILE PORTRAITS OF THE EXPLORERS AND SCIENTISTS WHO HAVE SAFE-GUARDED OUR PLANET'S DESTINY SINCE THE DAWN OF THE SPACE AGE THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO! THE HEROES WHO HAVE MADE EARTH GREAT!

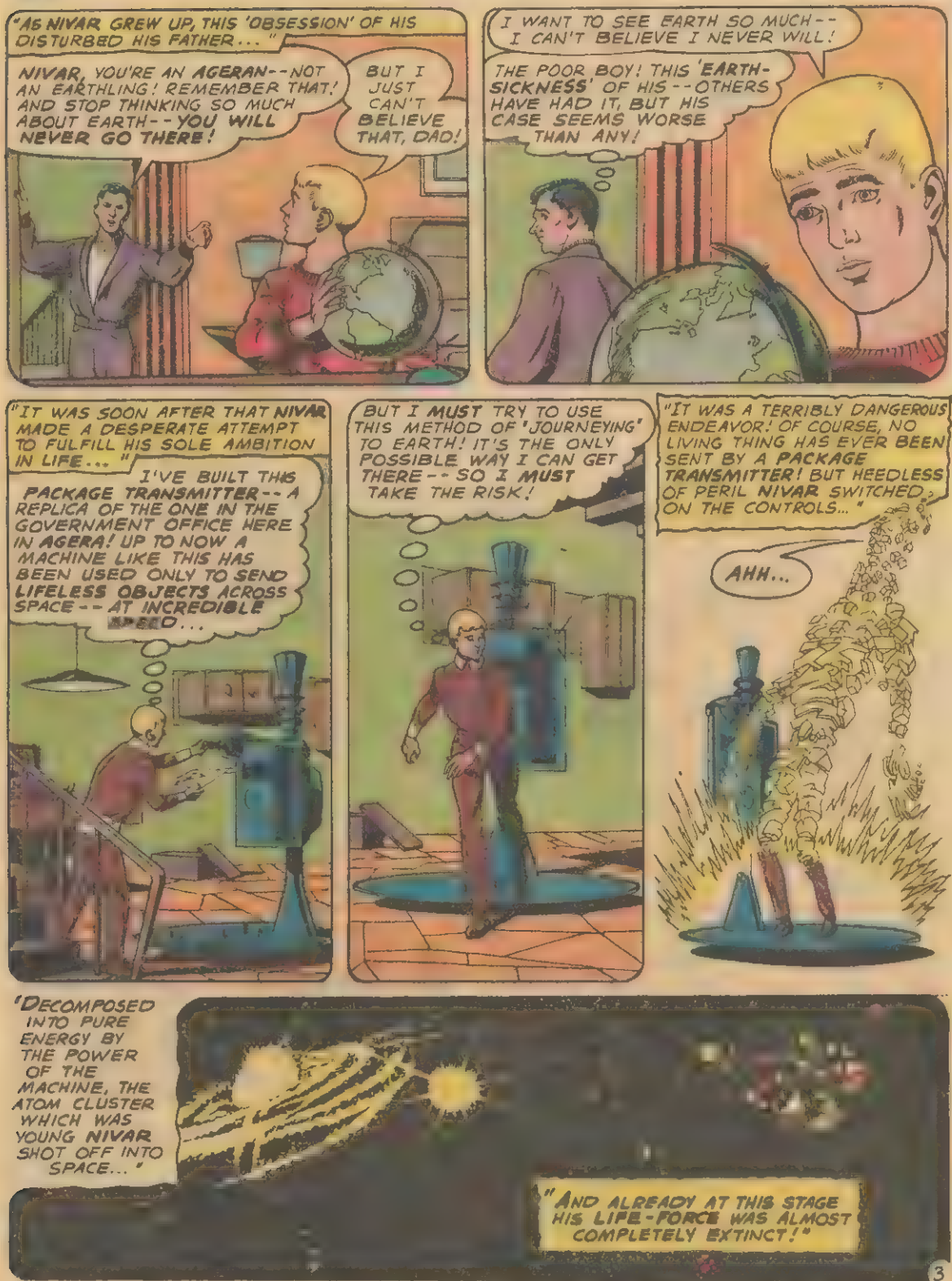

AS ONE BRIGHT-EYED LAD SPEAKS UP.
ALL THE HEROES ARE IN UNIFORM--EXCEPT THAT ONE! WHY IS THAT? WHO IS HE?
THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION, SON! WOULD YOU ALL LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT NIVAR STORMAN?
YES!


WITH A NOD, THE ELDERLY GUIDE SEATS HIMSELF ON A BENCH...
OLD PETERS IS OFF AGAIN ON HIS FAVORITE SUBJECT!
YES! HIS IDEA OF HEAVEN IS TO HAVE A GROUP LISTEN TO HIM WHILE HE TELLS THE STORY OF NIVAR STORMAN!


YOU ASK WHY ONE HERO IS NOT IN UNIFORM? WELL, THE ANSWER TO THAT PART IS SIMPLE ENOUGH! NIVAR STORMAN WAS NEVER A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF EARTH, LIKE ALL THE OTHER FAMED SPACEMEN OF OUR PLANET!


"AS A BOY NIVAR WAS BROUGHT UP ON THE PLANETARY COLONY OF AGERA, MONTHS OF TRAVEL FROM THE NEAREST SPACE PATROL RECRUITING STATION..."
DAD'S GREAT-GRANDFATHER SAW EARTH! BUT SINCE THEN NO MEMBER OF MY FAMILY HAS SEEN IT! IT'S TOO FAR! NO SHIP EVER GOES THERE FROM AGERA ANY MORE!


"IN SCHOOL THE LAD SPENT ALL HIS FREE TIME IN THE LIBRARY..."
I THINK YOUNG NIVAR HAS READ EVERY BOOK ON EARTH THAT WE HAVE ON OUR SHELVES HERE!
IT'S ALMOST AN OBSESSION WITH HIM!


"AS NIVAR GREW UP, THIS 'OBSESSION' OF HIS DISTURBED HIS FATHER..."
NIVAR, YOU'RE AN AGERAN--NOT AN EARTHLING! REMEMBER THAT! AND STOP THINKING SO MUCH ABOUT EARTH--YOU WILL NEVER GO THERE!
BUT I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE THAT, DAD!
I WANT TO SEE EARTH SO MUCH--I CAN'T BELIEVE I NEVER WILL!
THE POOR BOY! THIS 'EARTH-SICKNESS' OF HIS--OTHERS HAVE HAD IT, BUT HIS CASE SEEMS WORSE THAN ANY!
"IT WAS SOON AFTER THAT NIVAR MADE A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO FULFILL HIS SOLE AMBITION IN LIFE..."
I'VE BUILT THIS PACKAGE TRANSMITTER--A REPLICA OF THE ONE IN THE GOVERNMENT OFFICE HERE IN AGERA! UP TO NOW A MACHINE LIKE THIS HAS BEEN USED ONLY TO SEND LIFELESS OBJECTS ACROSS SPACE--AT INCREDIBLE SPEED...
BUT I MUST TRY TO USE THIS METHOD OF 'JOURNEYING' TO EARTH! IT'S THE ONLY POSSIBLE WAY I CAN GET THERE--SO I MUST TAKE THE RISK!
"IT WAS A TERRIBLY DANGEROUS ENDEAVOR! OF COURSE, NO LIVING THING HAS EVER BEEN SENT BY A PACKAGE TRANSMITTER! BUT HEEDLESS OF PERIL NIVAR SWITCHED ON THE CONTROLS..."
AHH...
"DECOMPOSED INTO PURE ENERGY BY THE POWER OF THE MACHINE, THE ATOM CLUSTER WHICH WAS YOUNG NIVAR SHOT OFF INTO SPACE..."
"AND ALREADY AT THIS STAGE HIS LIFE-FORCE WAS ALMOST COMPLETELY EXTINCT!"

"ONLY A QUIRK OF CIRCUMSTANCE SAVED HIM! IN A RELAY STATION WHICH MAINTAINED A CHECK ON THE PACKAGE TRANSMISSION FREQUENCY, AN ALERT DISPATCHER NOTED SOMETHING..."
EH? ACCORDING TO MY INSTRUMENTS THE MATERIAL COMING IN FROM AGERA SHOWS FAINT SIGNS OF LIFE! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE AND YET--
"SWIFTLY, THE DISPATCHER ACTED, TO INTERCEPT THE 'MATERIAL' AND REASSEMBLE IT..."
GREAT STAR CLUSTERS! A BOY--HE CAME THROUGH THE TRANSMITTER! HE CAN'T BE ALIVE!
"BUT NIVAR WAS ALIVE--JUST BARELY! THEY SENT HIM BACK TO AGERA AFTER ADMINISTERING ALL AID POSSIBLE..."
NIVAR, NIVAR! WHY DID YOU DO IT?
WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM RIGHT TO THE HOSPITAL, MR. STORMAN!
"IT TOOK ALMOST A YEAR FOR THE YOUTH TO RECOVER, BUT FINALLY HE WAS HIMSELF AGAIN. MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, HIS FATHER HAD NOT BEEN IDLE..."
I'VE ARRANGED TO HAVE NIVAR TAKEN ON AS AN APPRENTICE ON A SPACE-WHALING SHIP! IT'S AN ADVENTUROUS TRADE AND MAYBE IT WILL MAKE HIM FORGET HIS YEARNING FOR EARTH!
"SO IT HAPPENED THAT AT THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN, YOUNG NIVAR BECAME A SPACE-WHALER, ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING PURSUITS MEN HAVE EVER FOLLOWED!"
WE'VE GOT ONE SARPOON* ON IT! SHOOT OUT ANOTHER--QUICK!
IT'S A BIG ONE! THIS IS A CATCH!
*EDITOR'S NOTE: A SARPOON IS A HARPOON WITH A SUCTION END DESIGNED ESPECIALLY FOR USE ON SPACE-WHALES!

"NIVAR WAS YOUNG AND WILLING, AND HE LEARNED FAST.. "
SARPOONS ARE NECESSARY IN SPACE-WHALING, BECAUSE THE OUTER SKIN OF A SPACE-WHALE IS SO HARD IT'S IMPENETRABLE! ONLY BY SUCTION CAN ONE BE CAUGHT!
"AS HIS DAD HAD HOPED, THE FASCINATING TRADE SWIFTLY ABSORBED THE YOUTH... "
SPACE-WHALES AREN'T HARMED BY THE WHALERS! AFTER THEY ARE CAUGHT, THEIR LAYER OF IMPENETRABLE SKIN IS PEELED OFF, AND THEY ARE TURNED LOOSE! THE SKIN GROWS BACK AGAIN IN TIME!
"NIVAR LEARNED MANY WONDERFUL THINGS--THAT THE HIDE OF A SPACE-WHALE WAS USED, FOR EXAMPLE, TO PROTECT ROCKETS IN THE ASTEROID BELT... "
IF NOT FOR OUR OUTER LAYER OF WHALE HIDE, THOSE METEORS WOULD SMASH THROUGH THIS SHIP!
"HE DISCOVERED, INCREDIBLY ENOUGH, THAT THE WHALES WERE MAMMALS, LIKE EARTH-WHALES, AND NEEDED AIR FOR LIFE... "
TO OBTAIN AIR, THE SPACE-WHALES OCCASIONALLY DIP DOWN INTO THE ATMOSPHERE OF A NEARBY PLANET CONTAINING AIR! THEY CAN SUCK IN AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT--ENOUGH TO LAST THEM FOR MONTHS!
"AND LITTLE BY LITTLE AS TIME PASSED, NIVAR STORMAN BECAME MORE AND MORE INVOLVED IN SPACE-WHALING! IN DUE COURSE HE BECAME A MATE, THEN A SKIPPER WITH A SHIP OF HIS OWN! BUT HE DID NOT FORGET HIS EARLY LOVE FOR EARTH AND HIS ALLEGIANCE TO IT! ONLY HE NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO SHOW HIS ALLEGIANCE UNTIL LATER IN LIFE DURING THE WAR OF THE GGRENDS... "
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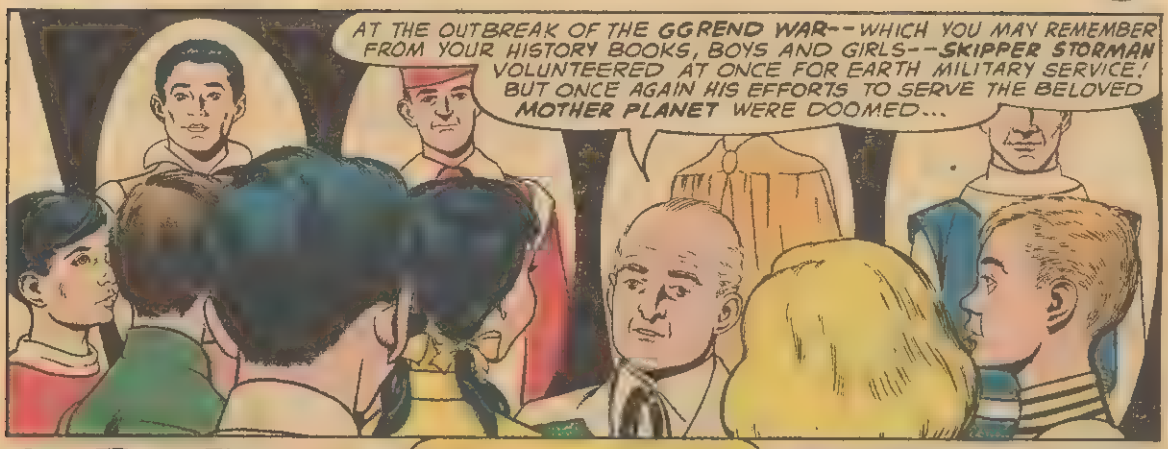
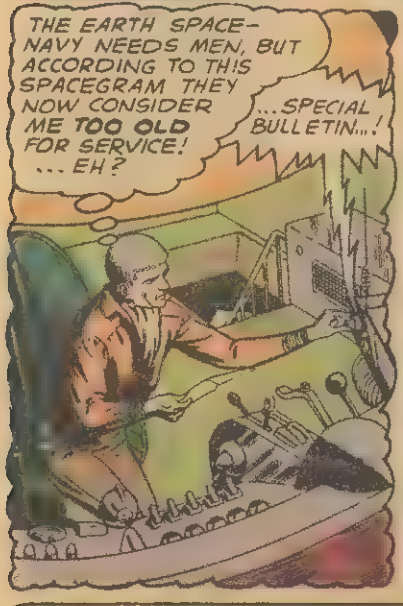
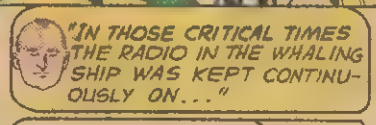
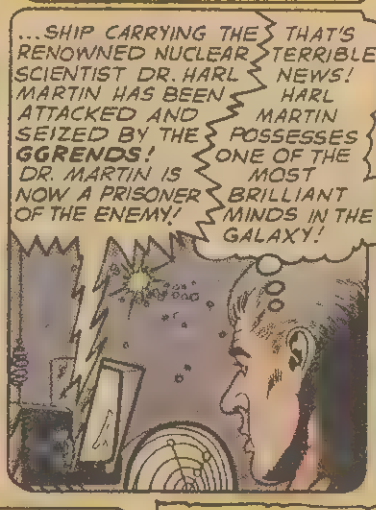
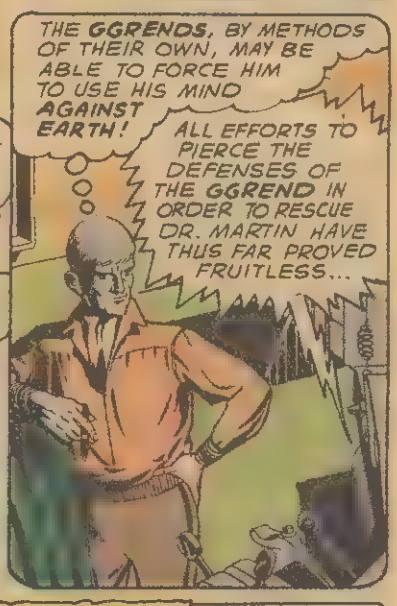
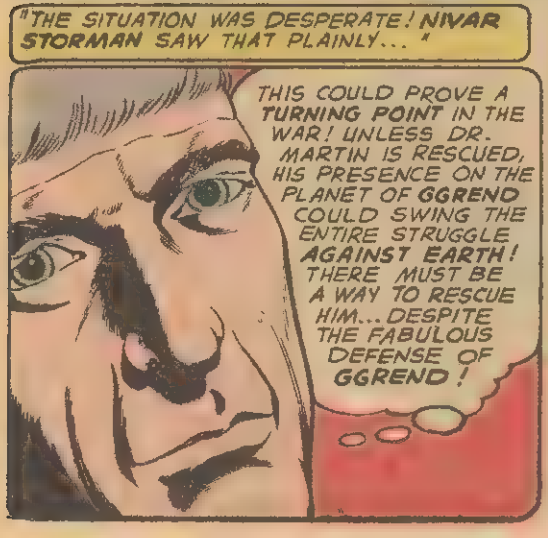

AT THE OUTBREAK OF THE GGREND WAR--WHICH YOU MAY REMEMBER FROM YOUR HISTORY BOOKS, BOYS AND GIRLS--SKIPPER STORMAN VOLUNTEERED AT ONCE FOR EARTH MILITARY SERVICE! BUT ONCE AGAIN HIS EFFORTS TO SERVE THE BELOVED MOTHER PLANET WERE DOOMED...

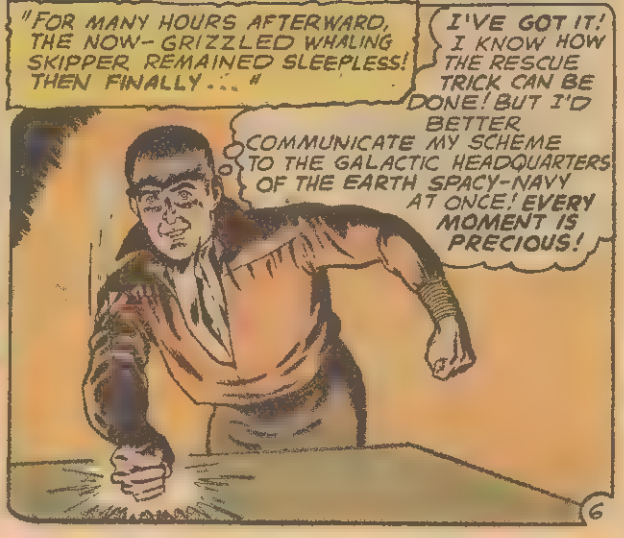

THE EARTH SPACE-NAVY NEEDS MEN, BUT ACCORDING TO THIS SPACEGRAM THEY NOW CONSIDER ME TOO OLD FOR SERVICE! ... EH?
...SPECIAL BULLETIN...!

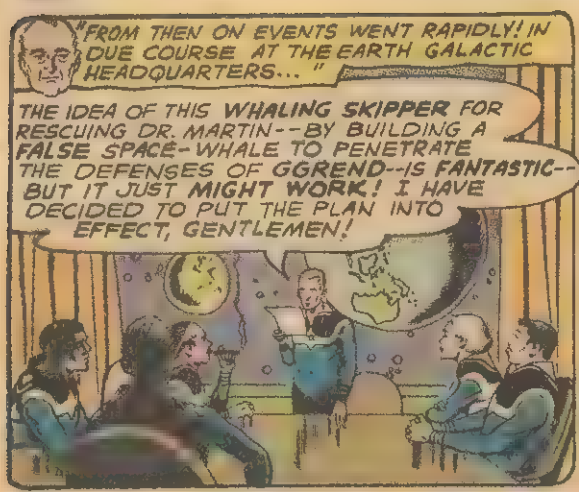

"IN THOSE CRITICAL TIMES THE RADIO IN THE WHALING SHIP WAS KEPT CONTINUOUSLY ON..."

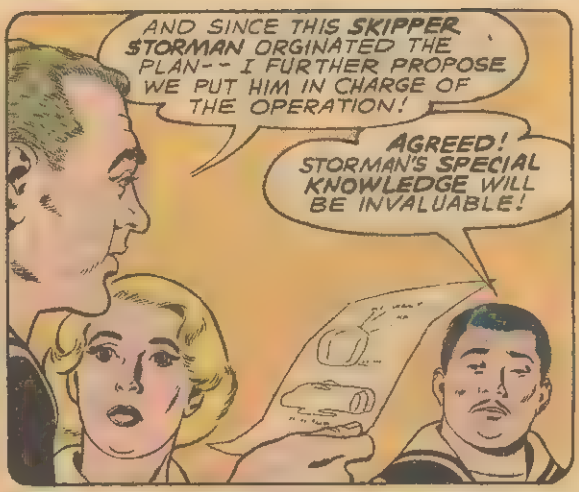

...SHIP CARRYING THE RENOWNED NUCLEAR SCIENTIST DR. HARL MARTIN HAS BEEN ATTACKED AND SEIZED BY THE GGRENDS! DR. MARTIN IS NOW A PRISONER OF THE ENEMY!
THAT'S TERRIBLE NEWS! HARL MARTIN POSSESSES ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT MINDS IN THE GALAXY!

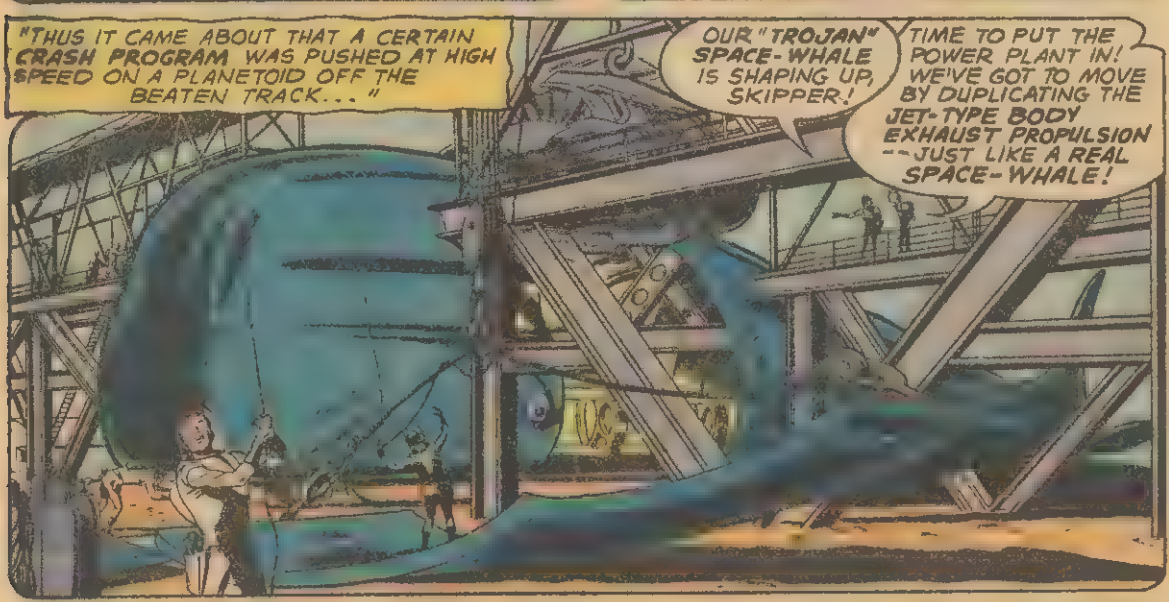

THE GGRENDS, BY METHODS OF THEIR OWN, MAY BE ABLE TO FORCE HIM TO USE HIS MIND AGAINST EARTH!
ALL EFFORTS TO PIERCE THE DEFENSES OF THE GGREND IN ORDER TO RESCUE DR. MARTIN HAVE THUS FAR PROVED FRUITLESS...

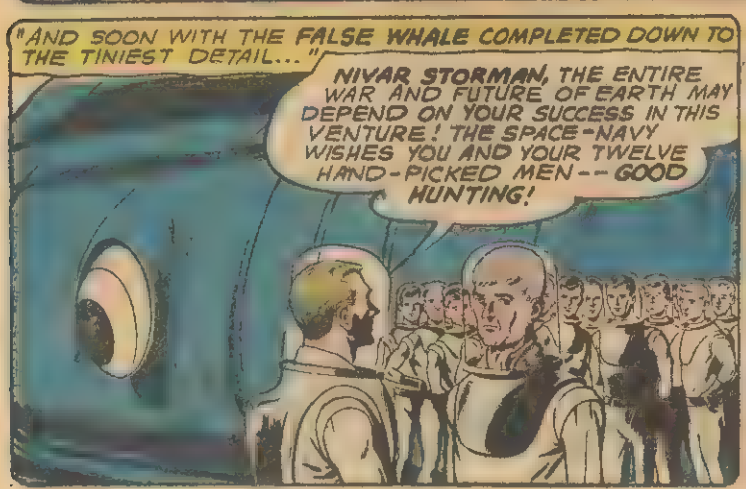

"THE SITUATION WAS DESPERATE! NIVAR STORMAN SAW THAT PLAINLY..."
THIS COULD PROVE A TURNING POINT IN THE WAR! UNLESS DR. MARTIN IS RESCUED, HIS PRESENCE ON THE PLANET OF GGREND COULD SWING THE ENTIRE STRUGGLE AGAINST EARTH! THERE MUST BE A WAY TO RESCUE HIM... DESPITE THE FABULOUS DEFENSE OF GGREND!

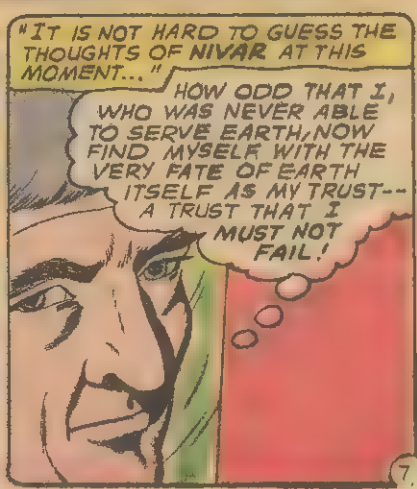

"FOR MANY HOURS AFTERWARD, THE NOW-GRIZZLED WHALING SKIPPER REMAINED SLEEPLESS! THEN FINALLY..."
I'VE GOT IT! I KNOW HOW THE RESCUE TRICK CAN BE DONE! BUT I'D BETTER COMMUNICATE MY SCHEME TO THE GALACTIC HEADQUARTERS OF THE EARTH SPACY-NAVY AT ONCE! EVERY MOMENT IS PRECIOUS!


"FROM THEN ON EVENTS WENT RAPIDLY! IN DUE COURSE AT THE EARTH GALACTIC HEADQUARTERS..."
THE IDEA OF THIS WHALING SKIPPER FOR RESCUING DR. MARTIN--BY BUILDING A FALSE SPACE-WHALE TO PENETRATE THE DEFENSES OF GGREND--IS FANTASTIC--BUT IT JUST MIGHT WORK! I HAVE DECIDED TO PUT THE PLAN INTO EFFECT, GENTLEMEN!


AND SINCE THIS SKIPPER STORMAN ORGINATED THE PLAN-- I FURTHER PROPOSE WE PUT HIM IN CHARGE OF THE OPERATION!
AGREED! STORMAN'S SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE WILL BE INVALUABLE!

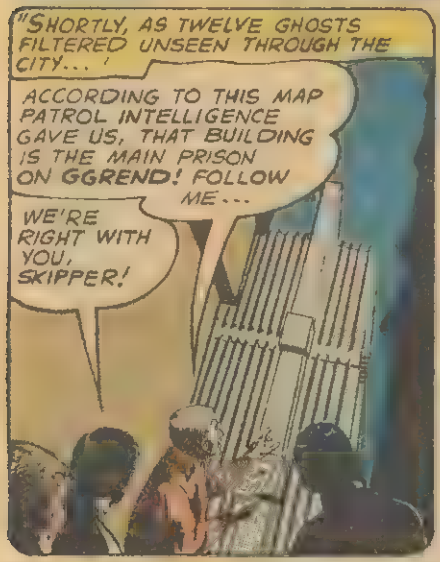

"THUS IT CAME ABOUT THAT A CERTAIN CRASH PROGRAM WAS PUSHED AT HIGH SPEED ON A PLANETOID OFF THE BEATEN TRACK..."
OUR "TROJAN" SPACE-WHALE IS SHAPING UP, SKIPPER!
TIME TO PUT THE POWER PLANT IN! WE'VE GOT TO MOVE BY DUPLICATING THE JET-TYPE BODY EXHAUST PROPULSION --JUST LIKE A REAL SPACE-WHALE!

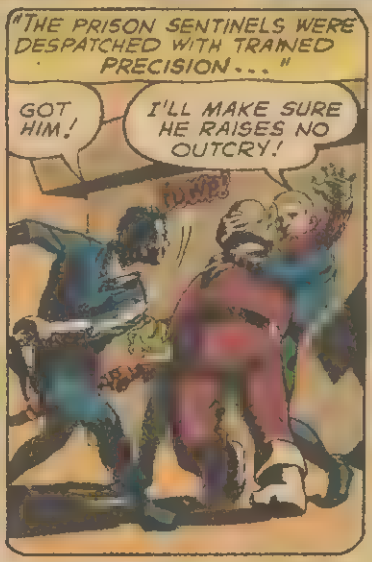

"AND SOON WITH THE FALSE WHALE COMPLETED DOWN TO THE TINIEST DETAIL..."
NIVAR STORMAN, THE ENTIRE WAR AND FUTURE OF EARTH MAY DEPEND ON YOUR SUCCESS IN THIS VENTURE! THE SPACE-NAVY WISHES YOU AND YOUR TWELVE HAND-PICKED MEN -- GOOD HUNTING!


"IT IS NOT HARD TO GUESS THE THOUGHTS OF NIVAR AT THIS MOMENT..."
HOW ODD THAT I, WHO WAS NEVER ABLE TO SERVE EARTH, NOW FIND MYSELF WITH THE VERY FATE OF EARTH ITSELF AS MY TRUST--A TRUST THAT I MUST NOT FAIL!

"ON THE PLANET OF GGREND NOT LONG AFTERWARD..."
AN UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL APPROACHING IN THE NINTH QUADRANT! MAKE READY TO FIRE SPACE-TORPEDOES!
NO, WAIT--
IT'S JUST A SPACE-WHALE--COMING DOWN FOR AIR! LET'S NOT WASTE POWER-SHELLS!
"BUT THEN..."
IT HAS COME TO REST ON THE SURFACE! WHAT CAN THIS MEAN? NO WHALE HAS EVER DONE THAT!
PERHAPS THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH IT... MIGHT BE SICK...
"AS A HEAVY FORCE OF GGRENDS CAUTIOUSLY SURROUNDED THE STRANGE ARRIVAL..."
IF THEY BLAST US NOW, WE'RE FINISHED! EVEN IF THEY DON'T PIERCE OUR SKIN THE CONCUSSION ALONE WOULD KILL US! BUT WE HAVE A CHANCE BECAUSE THE GGRENDS ARE GREEDY! THAT'S WHAT WE'RE BANKING ON...
"AND SOON, WHEN THE GGRENDS WERE CONVINCED THAT THE WHALE HAD EXPIRED..."
WE'LL TAKE IT INTO THE CITY AND STRIP OFF ITS VALUABLE HIDE!
WE'RE GETTING INSIDE THE CITY WALLS!

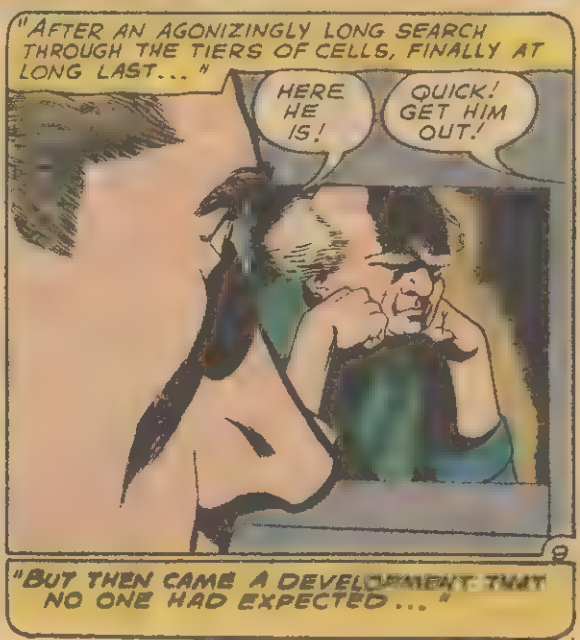
"THAT NIGHT WITH THE MORROW SET FOR SKINNING THE WHALE, IT WAS LEFT ALONE! SUSPECTING NOTHING, THE GGRENDS SET NO GUARDS..."
WE'RE IN THE CAPITAL CITY OF GGREND! BUT WE MUSTN'T BE DISCOVERED YET OR WE'RE LOST! AND WE MUST FIND DR. MARTIN-- BEFORE DAYBREAK!

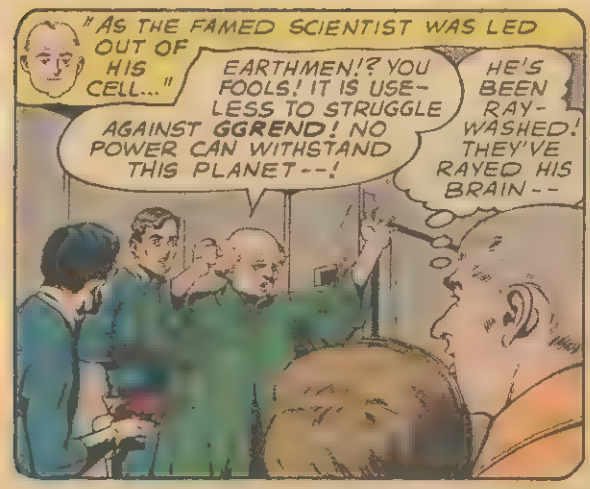

"SHORTLY, AS TWELVE GHOSTS FILTERED UNSEEN THROUGH THE CITY..."
ACCORDING TO THIS MAP PATROL INTELLIGENCE GAVE US, THAT BUILDING IS THE MAIN PRISON ON GGREND! FOLLOW ME...
WE'RE RIGHT WITH YOU, SKIPPER!

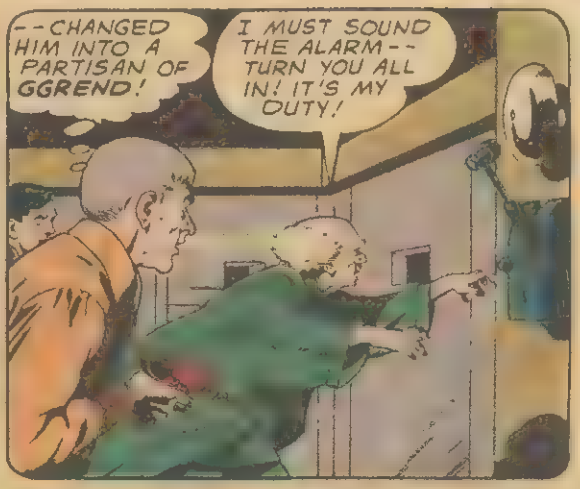

"THE PRISON SENTINELS WERE DESPATCHED WITH TRAINED PRECISION..."
GOT HIM!
I'LL MAKE SURE HE RAISES NO OUTCRY!
UMPH!

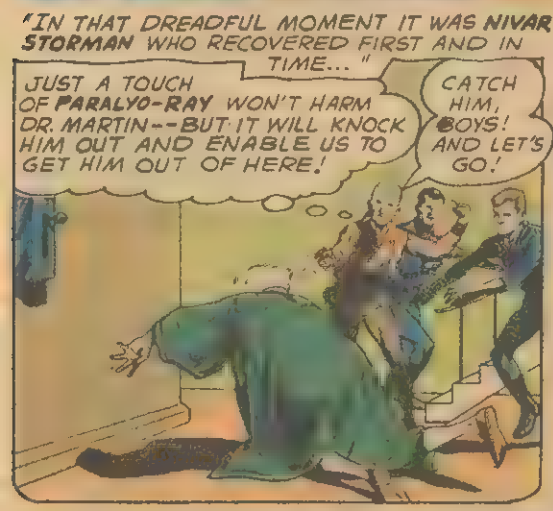
"SECONDS LATER THE GRIM WALLS WERE BREACHED BY THE GALLANT BAND..."
EARTHLINGS!
THAT GGREND GUARD-- READY TO FIRE AT US!

"BUT IT WAS THE WHALING CAPTAIN WHO FIRED FIRST..."
NICE AIM FOR A QUICK PARALYO-SHOT, SKIPPER!
PRESS ON! SEARCH THE CELLS!
ZZT!

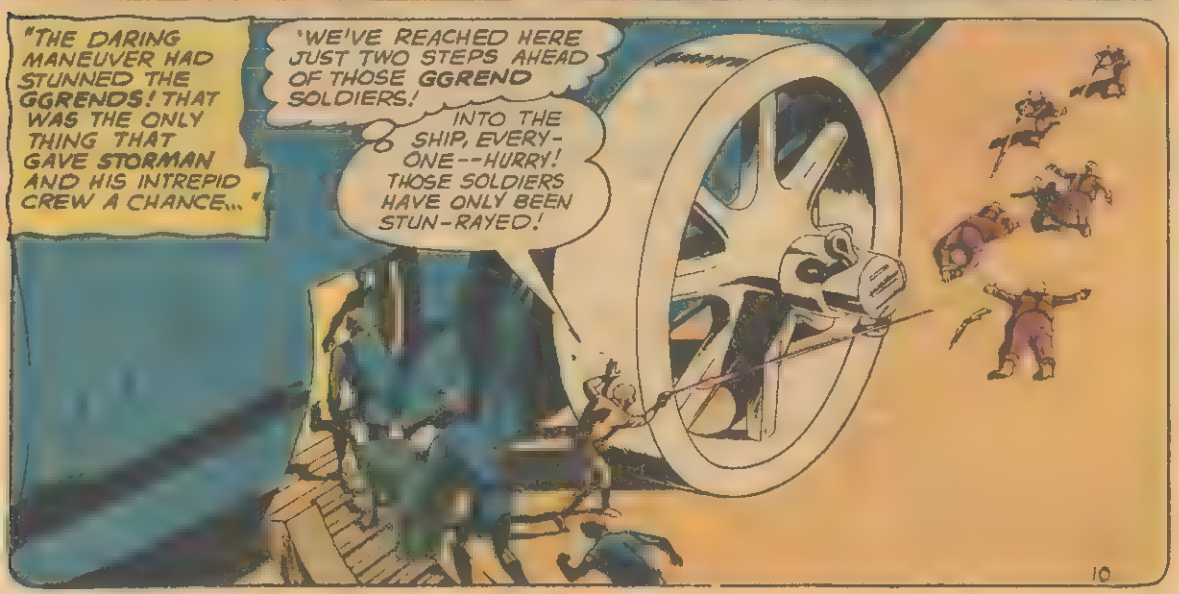

"AFTER AN AGONIZINGLY LONG SEARCH THROUGH THE TIERS OF CELLS, FINALLY AT LONG LAST..."
HERE HE IS!
QUICK! GET HIM OUT!
"BUT THEN CAME A DEVELOPMENT THAT NO ONE HAD EXPECTED..."

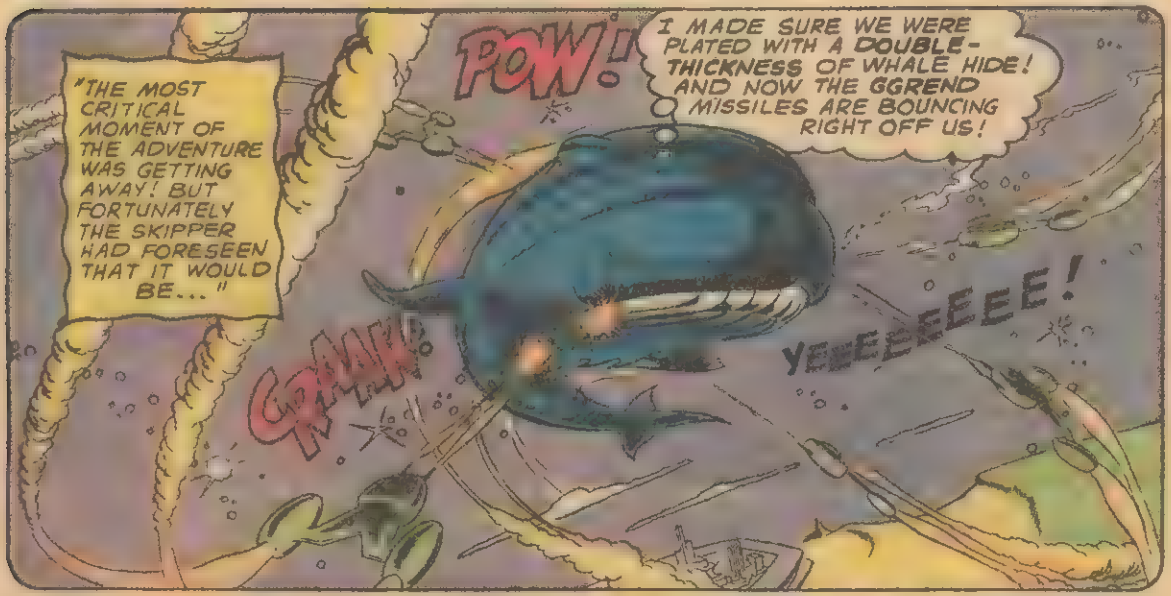

"AS THE FAMED SCIENTIST WAS LED OUT OF HIS CELL..."
EARTHMEN!? YOU FOOLS! IT IS USELESS TO STRUGGLE AGAINST GGREND! NO POWER CAN WITHSTAND THIS PLANET--!
HE'S BEEN RAY-WASHED! THEY'VE RAYED HIS BRAIN--

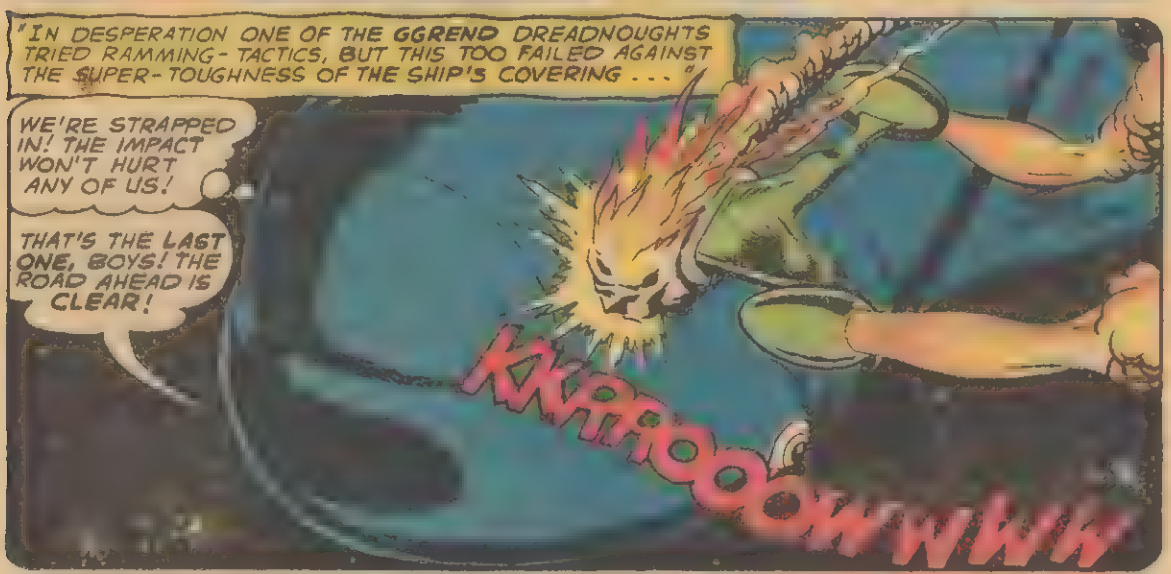

--CHANGED HIM INTO A PARTISAN OF GGREND!
I MUST SOUND THE ALARM--TURN YOU ALL IN! IT'S MY DUTY!


"IN THAT DREADFUL MOMENT IT WAS NIVAR STORMAN WHO RECOVERED FIRST AND IN TIME..."
JUST A TOUCH OF PARALYO-RAY WON'T HARM DR. MARTIN--BUT IT WILL KNOCK HIM OUT AND ENABLE US TO GET HIM OUT OF HERE!
CATCH HIM, BOYS! AND LET'S GO!

"BUT MEANWHILE THE FALLEN SENTINELS OUTSIDE HAD BEEN DISCOVERED..."
THE WHOLE CITY IS ON THE ALERT! BACK TO THE "WHALE"!


"THE DARING MANEUVER HAD STUNNED THE GGRENDS! THAT WAS THE ONLY THING THAT GAVE STORMAN AND HIS INTREPID CREW A CHANCE..."
"WE'VE REACHED HERE JUST TWO STEPS AHEAD OF THOSE GGREND SOLDIERS!
INTO THE SHIP, EVERYONE--HURRY! THOSE SOLDIERS HAVE ONLY BEEN STUN-RAYED!


"THE MOST CRITICAL MOMENT OF THE ADVENTURE WAS GETTING AWAY! BUT FORTUNATELY THE SKIPPER HAD FORESEEN THAT IT WOULD BE..."
POW!
I MADE SURE WE WERE PLATED WITH A DOUBLE-THICKNESS OF WHALE HIDE! AND NOW THE GGREND MISSILES ARE BOUNCING RIGHT OFF US!
GRAAK!
YEEEEEEEE!


"IN DESPERATION ONE OF THE GGREND DREADNOUGHTS TRIED RAMMING-TACTICS, BUT THIS TOO FAILED AGAINST THE SUPER-TOUGHNESS OF THE SHIP'S COVERING . . . "
WE'RE STRAPPED IN! THE IMPACT WON'T HURT ANY OF US!
THAT'S THE LAST ONE, BOYS! THE ROAD AHEAD IS CLEAR!
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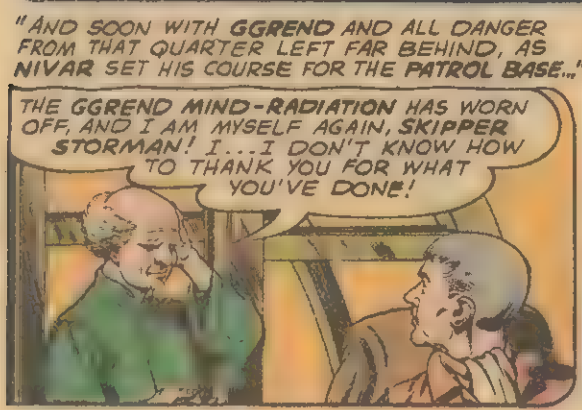
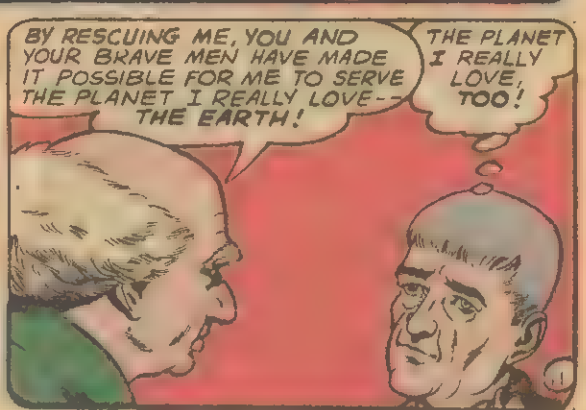
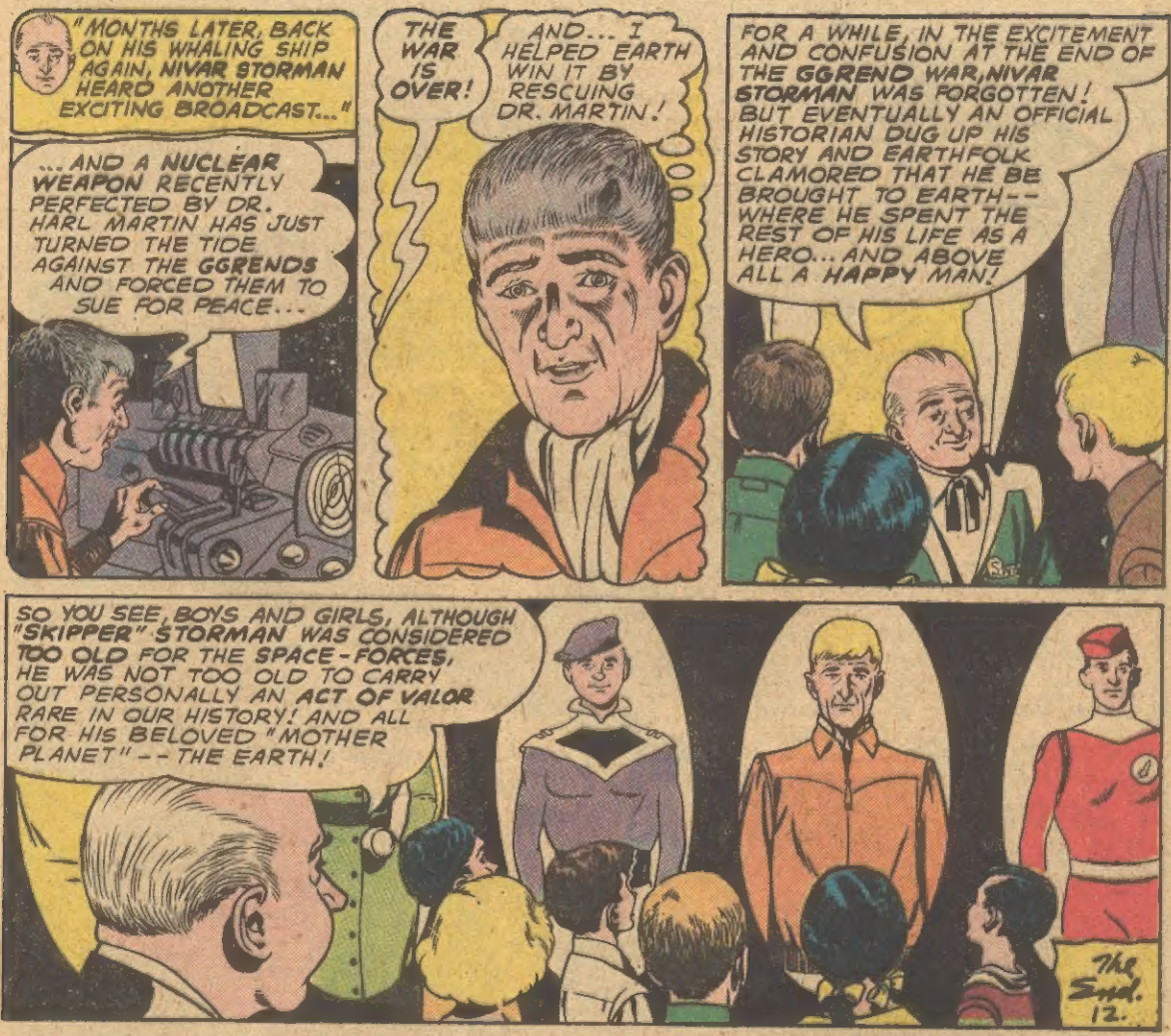

"AND SOON WITH GGREND AND ALL DANGER FROM THAT QUARTER LEFT FAR BEHIND, AS NIVAR SET HIS COURSE FOR THE PATROL BASE..."
THE GGREND MIND-RADIATION HAS WORN OFF, AND I AM MYSELF AGAIN, SKIPPER STORMAN! I...I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE!


BY RESCUING ME, YOU AND YOUR BRAVE MEN HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO SERVE THE PLANET I REALLY LOVE--THE EARTH!
THE PLANET I REALLY LOVE, TOO!


"MONTHS LATER, BACK ON HIS WHALING SHIP AGAIN, NIVAR STORMAN HEARD ANOTHER EXCITING BROADCAST..."
...AND A NUCLEAR WEAPON RECENTLY PERFECTED BY DR. HARL MARTIN HAS JUST TURNED THE TIDE AGAINST THE GGRENDS AND FORCED THEM TO SUE FOR PEACE...
THE WAR IS OVER!
AND... I HELPED EARTH WIN IT BY RESCUING DR. MARTIN!
FOR A WHILE, IN THE EXCITEMENT AND CONFUSION AT THE END OF THE GGREND WAR, NIVAR STORMAN WAS FORGOTTEN! BUT EVENTUALLY AN OFFICIAL HISTORIAN DUG UP HIS STORY AND EARTHFOLK CLAMORED THAT HE BE BROUGHT TO EARTH--WHERE HE SPENT THE REST OF HIS LIFE AS A HERO... AND ABOVE ALL A HAPPY MAN!
SO YOU SEE, BOYS AND GIRLS, ALTHOUGH "SKIPPER" STORMAN WAS CONSIDERED TOO OLD FOR THE SPACE-FORCES, HE WAS NOT TOO OLD TO CARRY OUT PERSONALLY AN ACT OF VALOR RARE IN OUR HISTORY! AND ALL FOR HIS BELOVED "MOTHER PLANET" -- THE EARTH!
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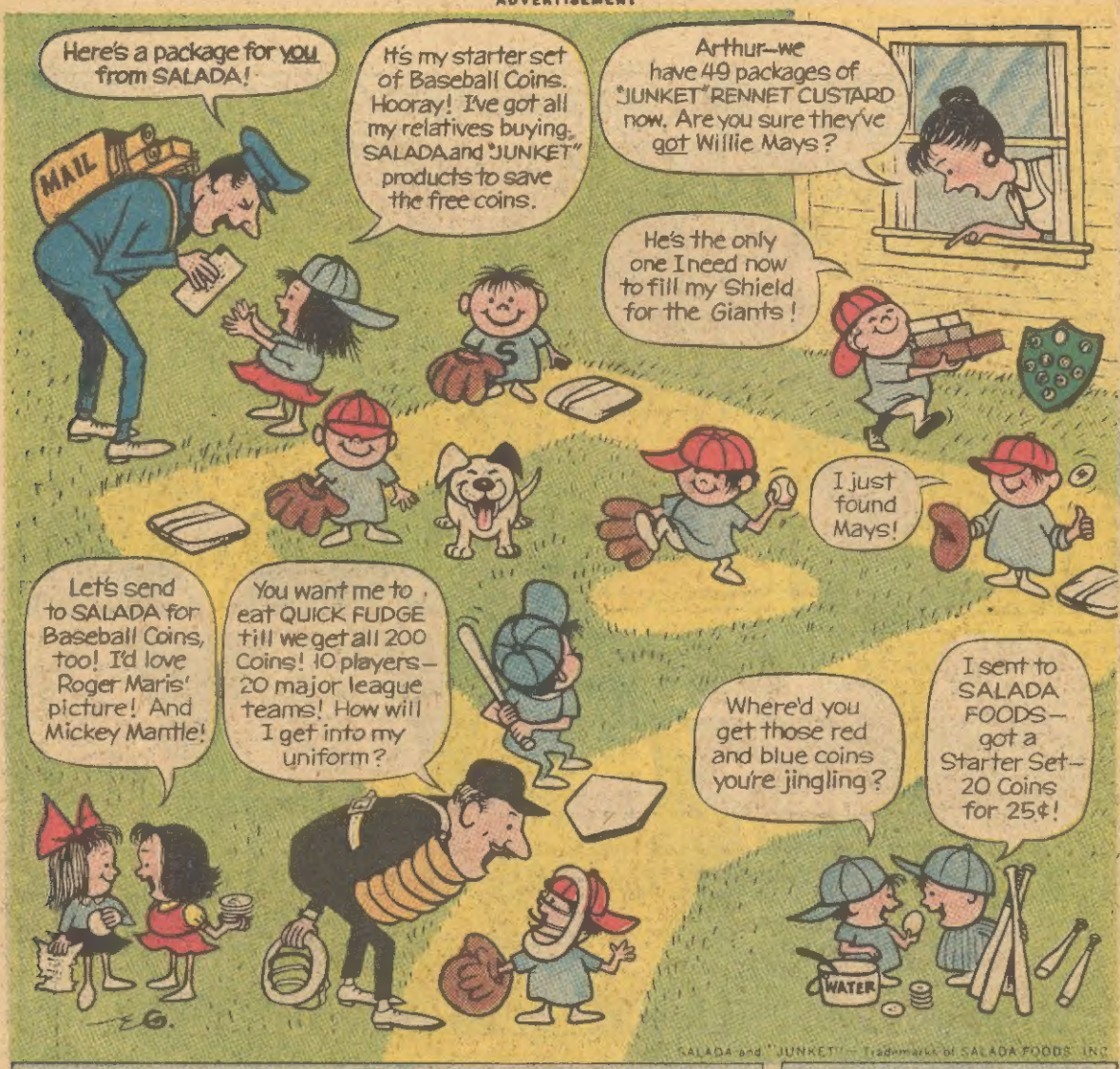
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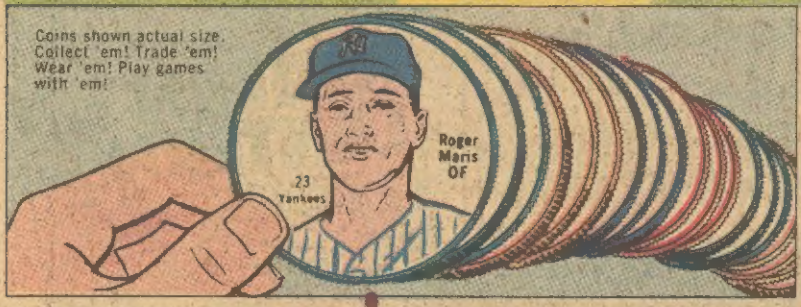

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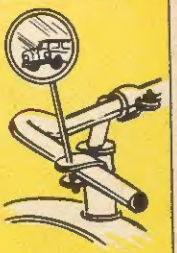

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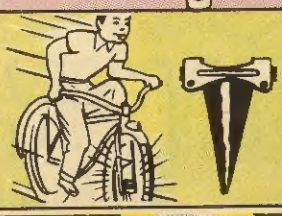

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